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## PIRATE CHASE UNSUCCESSFUL.

## TEAN GANG FREE HOSTAGES BUT ESCAPE IN HILLS.

## RAIDERS THREATEN TO FIRE THE KEROSENE-SOAKED DECKS.

## BRITISH PASSENGER'S TALE.

After organising an unsuccessful chase of the pirates responsible for the attack on the s.s. Tean, the British destroyer, H.M.S. Somme, arrived in Harbour at ten o'clock this morning, when an official version of the affair from the naval side was made available.

The speed with which the chase was taken up by blue-jackets and men from the Customs launch disconcerted the pirates, who were obliged to abandon their hostages in order to make their escape into the hills. The Navy men followed up a considerable way, but, owing to the treacherous going, it was thought that no useful service would be performed by continuation.

Mr. and Mrs. Powys Drummond, of the A.P.C., and Mr. P. Melrose, an American missionary, were on the pirated steamer, and they have an interesting story to tell of their experiences. They draw particular attention to the fact that a Chinese man-of-war was at anchor in Hoihow Harbour not 400 yards from the s.s. Tean when the outbreak occurred. Although considerable shooting must have been heard, no attention was apparently paid.

Mr. Drummond relates that as General Tsoi Ting-kai, who has been carrying out anti-Communist raids in Hainan, was aboard as a passenger, it was at first thought that the pirates were searching for "Reds." It was subsequently revealed that the capture of the General was one of the gang's main objectives, but by clever strategy he outwitted them.

Some apprehension was felt on board when H.M.S. Somme was sighted, as the pirates had liberally distributed kerosene over the ship, and had threatened to set fire to the vessel if there was any interference.

## ANTI-RED GENERAL'S STRATEGY.

There were three European passengers on the pirated boat, these being Mr. and Mrs. Powys Drummond and Mr. Paul Melrose.

Mr. Drummond has been for many years in the service of the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China), and with Mrs. Drummond was returning to Hongkong from Hoihow.

Mr. P. Melrose is an American missionary. He was born in Hainan Island and is returning to the United States, being a passenger on the Empress of Asia, which is due to sail to-morrow.

Of their experiences on the Tean, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond still retained a vivid recollection when seen by a *Telegraph* reporter this morning at the Savoy Hotel.

Mr. Drummond stated that between 30 and 35 pirates boarded the Tean at Hoihow, concealing their intentions until they had perfected what appeared to be a well-organized attack.

In planning their daring enterprise, the pirates paid scanty attention to the presence of a Chinese man-of-war, which, anchored in the roadstead, only 400 yards away, appeared to be oblivious to the exciting doings on board the Tean.

### A Concerted Attack.

Shortly before four o'clock on Sunday morning as the Tean was lying in darkness in the roadstead at Hoihow, the pirates, who had disposed themselves on various parts of the ship, carried out a concerted attack.

Being anxious that the steamer should leave the harbour before dawn, they ordered the raising of the anchor. When one of the seamen demurred, or showed himself slack at the task, one of the pirates hit him over the head with an axe and laid him out.

Mr. Drummond was at that time with his wife in a cabin, so the earlier incidents of the piratical operations were a matter of hearsay as far as he was concerned. Not until some time afterwards did the significance of the situation dawn on him.

Thought It Was Search for "Reds."

When two pirates knocked at his cabin and demanded admittance, Mr. Drummond first thought that they were soldiers searching the ship for escaping Communists. He was further sustained in this impression by the knowledge that General Tsoi Ting-kai, the Chief of the military garrisoning Hainan Island, was on board as a

passenger. He also thought that it was General Tsoi himself who had given those orders for the ship to be searched. So when he saw two rather frowny individuals peering through the doorway, Mr. Drummond felt rather annoyed that his slumbers should be thus disturbed. He gave them scanty attention, but ordered them to go away and not return.

In the light of what followed, it was strange that the pirates did not take umbrage at this reception. In point of fact, they meekly went out of the cabin, but maintained a watchful guard outside the door.

### Well Treated.

Some time later, as Mr. Drummond ventured out of his cabin, he was stopped by two men who had been squatting outside. They asked him if he had a gun, and he told them he had none. Mr. Drummond saw that the two men were armed, and it was then that he was able to size up the situation and realised that he had fallen into the hands of pirates.

Thereafter, Mr. Drummond and his wife were careful to remain in their cabin, where they were left fairly undisturbed for a day, except when a pirate, who spoke broken English and who appeared to be a man of some importance, periodically put his head into the cabin as if to satisfy himself that the passengers were still there.

Occasionally, provisions would be taken into the cabin, and on the whole Mr. Drummond expressed himself as being well-treated. The pirates, however, took away all his wife's jewellery including her wedding ring, and they also stole a watch and some money from him.

### Treat to Burn Ship.

It was an anxious moment for those on board when the pirated ship steamed into Bias Bay and a whisper went round, being first conveyed to him by Mr. Foo Ping-kwan, that a gunboat had been sighted. The fears of the foreigners were not allayed by the news, as it represented for them the supreme moment of their ordeal.

The pirates had distributed kerosene all over the vessel and had declared that should the ship be taken by the British, they would set fire to the ship as in the case of the Sunning piracy. (Continued on Page 14.)

## A NEW JAPANESE WARNING.

## 20-MILE SEA LIMIT ON SIX CITIES.

## SOUTH NOW FRATERNISING WITH SOVIET?

## SHANGHAI SENSATION.

Shanghai, May 29. The Japanese authorities have verbally notified the Chinese naval forces at Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking and Tsingtao and also the Northern and Southern Governments that fighting at sea will be prohibited within 20 miles of Tsingtao, Chefoo, Lungkow, Taku, Chingwantao, and Yinkow. —*Reuter*.

### Dealings With Soviet.

Shanghai, May 21. Mr. George Sokolsky, writing in the *North China Daily News*, asserts that there is a deadlock in the appointment of a new Foreign Minister. The "old men" of Nanking are insisting that Mr. Hwang Fu will remain, while the returned student clique are pressing for the appointment of Dr. C. T. Wang, who is Feng Yu-shiang's candidate.

Mr. Sokolsky briefly refers "to the efforts of certain groups in the Kuomintang to bring about a new alliance with the Soviet," referring presumably to the recent return to Shanghai of Tass Agency's representative Rover, allegedly at the invitation of the highest Nationalist circles. Rover was arrested after his arrival at the request of the Chinese Defence Commissioner and handed over to the local Chinese authorities. He was bailed out and is now believed to be carrying on negotiations for a rapprochement between the Nationalists and the Soviet. —*Reuter*.

### FENGTING ATTACK SUCCEEDS.

### Southerners Driven 30 Miles.

Peking, May 28. The fear of trouble with the Japanese at Shanhaikuan and other points on the Manchurian border has had the effect of stiffening the Fengting ranks, and the Ankou-chun has definitely decided not only fully to resist the Southern advance, but to open a big offensive campaign in the near future. Heavy troop movements have taken place in the last day or two, thousands of Fengting troops having been despatched towards Tientsin and the Peking-Hankow Railway in the vicinity of Paoting-fu. In the course of the past few days.

Severe fighting has taken place in the region of Paoting-fu, and the Southerners have been forced back to Wangtu with heavy losses. Wangtu is about thirty miles south of Paoting-fu, and the Southerners are now consolidating their gains. At Hokenfu and Tsangchow, the other points upon which the Southerners are chiefly concentrated, little other than skirmishing has taken place, the Southerners having withheld their attacks on the place, while the Fengting leaders are awaiting the promised reinforcements before launching their offensive. —*Naval Wireless*.

### More Planes.

General Chang Hsueh-liang, has requested more military planes for Manchuria, to assist the Northern forces on the Peking-Hankow railway line.

### NATIONALIST PLANS.

### Concerted Counter-Attack in View.

Shanghai, May 29. Orders have been given by the Nationalist Army Headquarters for a general attack on Tientsin and Peking, which will be carried out simultaneously by the First Army Corps of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the Second Army Corps of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang and the Third Army Corps of General Yen Shi-san.

Marshal Chiang, left for Sianhsing yesterday to direct his forces who are to march along (Continued on Page 11.)

## BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON.

## FIVE OTHER SHIPS SEIZED BY YANG SEN.

## SZECHUAN FIGHTING.

Ichang, May 28. Fighting has taken place at Kiangshan between General Yang Sen's troops and those of his rebellious subordinate, General Kuo. The Szechuanese leader gained complete success, and he is once more likely to gain full control of the area.

Already large numbers of his troops have moved up river to re-garrison Wanhsien and other Upper Yangtze ports. Yang Sen seized five ships, including the American-owned Yangtze Rapids Company's vessels for the transport of his troops, in spite of strong protests. The ships are now being held while the troops embark, and have not yet sailed.

The upper reaches of the river are still unsafe for shipping owing to bandits. The Jardine Matheson s.s. Kingwo reports that she was fired upon from Anping, which is about 122 miles above Ichang. It is presumed that the attack was organised by bandits. —*Naval Wireless*.

## WEST INDIES WIN EASILY.

## CONSTANTINE TAKES TEN VARSITY WICKETS.

London, May 28. Two days sufficed for the match between the West Indies and Cambridge University at Cambridge, the tourists being victorious by nine wickets.

Cambridge were rattled out for low scores in each innings, L. S. Constantine doing the damage. The scores were:

Cambridge U.: 141 and 155.  
West Indies: 257 and 40 (for 1 wicket).

In the Cambridge first innings, Constantine took five wickets for 35 runs, while in the second, the same player took 6 wickets for 51. For the West Indies, M. P. Fernandes contributed 73 before losing his wicket. —*Reuter*.

## LABOUR CONVENTION SPLIT.

## BRITISH PROPOSAL IS REJECTED.

Geneva, May 28. The International Labour Office, by 12 votes to 11, rejected the British Government's proposal for a revision of the Washington Convention.

The proposal was supported by the British employers' delegate, Canada, and Germany, the last-named with a reservation. It was opposed by Belgium, Poland and France, as well as by Miss Margaret Bondfield, on behalf of British workers. —*Reuter*.

## BOROTRA & BRUGNON WIN DOUBLES.

## HARDCOURT MATCH GOES TO FIVE SETS.

Paris, May 28. In the final of the Men's Doubles Championship in the French Hardcourt tournament at Autleu, Borotra and Brugnon defeated Cochet and De Buzet after a hard struggle by three sets to two, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. —*Reuter*.

## DAVIS CUP MATCH RESULT.

## JAPAN TO MEET U.S. IN ZONE FINAL.

Montreal, May 28. Japan defeated Canada in two Davis Cup matches played to-day, thus eliminating Canada from the tournament. Japan now meets America in the final of the American Zone. —*Reuter*.

## HIGH TENSION IN BALKANS.

## SERIOUS OUTBREAKS IN JUGO-SLAVIA.

## POLICE CHARGE RIOTOUS CROWDS.

## ITALIAN OUTRAGE.

Belgrade, May 28. Serious recurrences have occurred of anti-Italian demonstrations, believed to be consequent upon the news from Zara, Dalmatia, of the attack upon the Yugo-Slav Consulate by Italian Fascists, who injured the Consul, and did much damage to property.

The trouble this time broke out in a fresh field, rioters demonstrating against the Italians in Doubravnik and Zagreb.

The police charged the riotous mob at Doubravnik repeatedly and many were injured. They were marching on the Italian School when the police intervened.

Crowds also tried to attack the Italian Consulate at Zagreb, but the police were able after a series of charges to prevent the crowds from reaching their objective. Several were injured in the disturbances. —*Reuter*.

### Italy Protests.

Rome, May 28. Demonstrations have been held in several towns in Italy in protest against the "provocative attacks against Italy" which are reported from Jugo-Slavia.

Organised processions have taken place in the streets, and the crowds have been parading singing patriotic songs. So far there have been no disorders. —*Reuter*.

### Fascists Attack Consulate.

Belgrade, May 28. According to the newspapers Italian Fascists yesterday attacked the Yugo-Slav consulate in Zara and beat the staff, injuring M. Smith the consul who had to be sent to hospital. —*Reuter*.

### A Disquieting Situation.

London, May 28. The serious anti-Italian demonstration in Jugo-Slavia, in connection with which the Italian Minister at Belgrade has formally protested, is indicative of the disquieting situation centring round the so-called Nettuno Convention. The latter is the Italo-Jugo-Slav agreement, concluded in 1925, regulating the numerous questions not settled by the peace treaties.

Up to the present Jugo-Slavia has not ratified the Convention, but the Premier, Mr. Marinkovitch, recently submitted a ratification motion to the Skupstina, in consequence, it being alleged, of the insistence of a London banking group that Italo-Jugo-Slav relations must be placed on a friendly and durable footing as a condition of granting a loan to Belgrade.

The submission of the ratification motion stirred up Jugo-Slav opposition, starting in a violent press campaign against Italy. The recent rioting is ascribed to this. —*Reuter*.

## FIGHT FOR SOCCER TICKETS.

## DUTCH POLICE CHARGE AN UNRULY MOB.

Amsterdam, May 28. Riotous scenes occurred to-day when a crowd of at least 70,000 was waiting at the office set up for the sale of tickets for the Olympic Tournament soccer match between Holland and Uruguay.

The match is to be played on May 30th, and it appears that late-comers to the office tried to displace people who had been waiting in the queues in some cases for 24 hours and even longer.

Fighting took place, and eventually the police were forced to charge the crowd with swords drawn. Many were injured in the melee. —*Reuter*.

## BIG OPIUM HAULS ON STEAMER.

## PASSENGERS ARRESTED MAKE THIN EXCUSES.

## FINES NEARLY \$18,000

Two large opium seizures were made by detectives on board the s.s. Ying Chow, on her arrival in Port yesterday morning. In both cases a passenger was arrested and brought before Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of unlawful possession.

The first case concerned a tailor who, charged with possession of 337 taels of raw opium, pleaded not guilty.

The defendant denied ownership of the basket in which the opium was found and said that a friend had asked him to take care of his baggage. This friend also handed him the key to the basket.

A conviction was registered and a fine of \$8,500, with the alternative of six months' hard labour in default was imposed.

A second man was charged with possession of 374 taels of raw opium, and he also pleaded not guilty.

According to the evidence of a detective two baskets among the passengers' baggage in the steerage quarters, were claimed by the defendant.

Nothing incriminating was found inside the baskets but in false bottoms the opium mentioned in the charge was discovered.

The defendant declared that neither of the baskets belonged to him. He left his coat on one of them and did not know how the key got into his pocket.

The defendant was convicted and fined \$9,000 or six months' hard labour in default.

## BIG U.S. GOLD SHIPMENT.

## FOR BANK OF ENGLAND RESERVES.

New York, May 28. The liner Aquitania is conveying \$15,000,000 worth of gold to London.

It is understood that the transaction is on behalf of a private consignee, whose identity has not been disclosed.

The shipment is the second within a week.

United States bankers believe it is being added to the gold reserve of the Bank of England, which is requiring a larger reserve owing to its co-operation with other Banks in the Government plan for the amalgamation of the currency note issues. —*Reuter's American Service*.

## BRITISH COMMUNISTS DENOUNCED.

## MR. J. R. CLYNES ON THEIR HYPOCRISY.

London, May 28. The well-known Labourite, Mr. J. R. Clynes, in the course of his Presidential address at the Congress of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, at Keswick, Cumberland, castigated the minority movement and the Communists.

He declared that the Communists, while pretending to seek unity, cut themselves adrift from the main current of Labour activity and then make hypocritical appeals for admission to the Party, which they grossly misrepresent and whose officers they shamefully abuse. —*Reuter*.

## TEXTILE WORKERS CONGRESS.

## INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN BELGIUM.

Ghent, May 28. At the annual meeting of the International Textile Workers Congress, it was announced that America, Japan, China, Palestine and various Balkan countries had requested affiliation therewith. —*Reuter*.

## INGENIOUS FRAUD ALLEGED.

## BORROWER USED NAME OF BROTHER?

## WRONG DEFENDANT REPLIES TO WRIT FOR \$1,000.

## SERIOUS SUGGESTION.

An unusual situation arose in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Jacka, when Sapooran Singh frankly admitted he had not lent the sum of \$1,000 he was claiming, to the defendant in court.

As the case proceeded the question of a brother having used the defendant's name arose and a suggestion by Mr. F. C. Hall of a conspiracy between the brothers was refuted by Mr. Horace Lo, who was supported by the judge in this respect.

Sapooran Singh, moneylender, of Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, sued Yip Ping-chun, 17, Hing Hon Road, and Woo Chok-yue, of the Hotel Savoy, Ice House Street, for \$1,000 being principal due under a promissory note dated August 17, 1927. An additional amount and interest, in excess of the claim, was waived to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the court.

Mr. F. C. Hall was for the plaintiff and Mr. Horace Lo defended.

At the outset the question of service upon Woo Chok-yue, who was not present, arose when Mr. Hall intimated that Sapooran Singh was satisfied to proceed against Yip Ping-chun only.

### The Wrong Man.

Sapooran Singh said that he had lent the sum of \$1,200 to Yip Ping-chun in two amounts, the first payment being \$1,000 and the second \$200, for which the borrower signed a promissory note. Nothing had been repaid. Plaintiff said that he went to 17 Hing Hon Street with a billiard when the defendant claimed to be Yip Ping-chun, but was not the borrower.

Sapooran Singh admitted that he had no claim on the defendant in court and had not lent him any money. An order for substituted service of the writ was obtained. Replying to Mr. Lo, plaintiff said that when the defendant answered to the writ he refused to serve it. The man was a brother to the man who had borrowed the money, and had promised to try and get the amount repaid.

Yip Ping-chun, in evidence, said that he was the only person of that name living at 17 Hing Hon Street and produced a passport to prove his identity.

Questioned by Mr. Hall, he said he had three other brothers, one of whom had gone to Japan.

The defendant called an elder brother who testified that the defendant was Yip Ping-chun and that none of the other brothers bore that name.

### Application for Judgment.

His Lordship remarked that Mr. Hall's client had no case.

Mr. Hall replied that eventually one of the younger brothers used the name of the defendant in signing the promissory note. "I ask you to give me judgment against Yip Ping-chun, not this defendant, because the man is still in the Colony," Mr. Hall added that the plaintiff had seen the man only a short while ago.

His Lordship said he could not give judgment as requested. "You will have to find your man. The plaintiff would, no doubt, know him." It was rather a serious case if the borrower's name was not Yip Ping-chun.

In opposing Mr. Hall's application for judgment, Mr. Lo said it was ridiculous to ask his Lordship to give such a judgment. The plaintiff had frankly admitted that he had not lent any money to the defendant in court.

His Lordship agreed that he could not adopt that course.

Remarking that the name on the promissory note was Yip Ping-chun, Mr. Hall said the best thing to do, if the plaintiff saw the real defendant, was to seize him and take him to the police station. Mr. Hall went on to ask permission to call evidence with regard (Continued on Page 7.)



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## DARING PIRATICAL ATTACK.

### S. S. TEAN ATTACKED IN HOIHOW HARBOUR.

#### PROMINENT PIRATE AND ONE OF PASSENGERS KILLED.

#### CHASE BY CUSTOMS LAUNCH.

The remarkable daring of the Bias Bay pirate gang was again demonstrated on Sunday, when, in the early hours of the morning, they carried out a spectacular attack on the Butterfield and Swire s.s. Tean while the vessel was lying at anchor in Hoihow Harbour.

Under pirate orders, Captain Histed and the other European officers, who were naturally taken completely by surprise, raised anchor and steered for Bias Bay, where the pirates decamped with booty amounting to about \$2,000 and kidnapped several passengers.

A chase by a Customs launch, the Yeungshing, added to the excitement, particularly as H.M.S. Somme was known to be in the vicinity. The Somme, however, was apprised too late to be able to intercept the raiders, but sent a landing party in pursuit.

One pirate was shot dead in the confusion which characterised the beginning of the attack, and one of the kidnapped men was killed in a fall from a precipice on shore.

Graphic accounts of the piracy are given by the officers as below:

#### H.M.S. SOMME'S LANDING PARTY.

##### ENGINEER'S STORY.

##### Pirate Chief's Brother Shot Dead.

The several peculiar features of the piracy were outlined by the Second Engineer of the Tean in an interview with a Press representative last night. It appears that the pirates, who numbered about thirty, boarded the Tean at Hoihow and made their attack at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday. At that time the vessel was moored in Hoihow harbour and was to sail later in the day.

The pirates followed their usual custom of boarding as passengers and apparently took up pre-arranged positions before the attack. The Second Engineer said he was on watch in the engine room at the time, his first intimation that anything was wrong coming when a pirate went in, with a revolver in his hand, and told the Second Engineer to get up steam to leave the harbour.

He was only allowed to remain in the engine room for a short time before being escorted on deck by the pirate and taken to his cabin. There, the engineer's arms, consisting of a rifle and ammunition, were removed by other pirates who went into the cabin. He was then allowed to return to the engine room, an armed pirate being his constant guard.

##### Chief's Brother Shot.

The ship left the harbour about eight o'clock and set a course for Bias Bay. Fear of the intervention of a gunboat led the pirates to ask where the supplies of kerosene were kept, and finding the stores near the engine room proceeded to fill cans with kerosene and distribute them all over the ship.

The pirates openly expressed their intention to set fire to the vessel immediately on the appearance of a gunboat.

The Second Engineer related the story of the tragedy which occurred at the outset of the attack. Being made in darkness some confusion apparently arose and a man was seen running about the ship when the pirates believed that all the officers and members of the crew were under their control. One of the pirates fired at the man believing him to be a member of the crew, but it transpired

that he was a pirate—the brother of the pirate chief and that he had been shot dead.

##### The Sunning Gang.

The pirate chief was overcomen by the tragedy and told the Second Engineer that he would abandon piracy. He seemed to think that the tragedy was in the nature of a judgment for his misdeeds. The pirate chief appears to have been unusually frank with regard to his exploits. He conversed freely with the officers and told the Second Engineer that his men were those which pirated the ill-fated Sunning. He further stated that he was in command of the pirates on that occasion.

Reposing further confidence in the Second Engineer, the pirate chief said it had been his intention to pirate the s.s. Hanoi, a steamer running between Haiphong and Hongkong, calling at Kwongchauwan and Hoihow. Apparently the Tean arrived in Hoihow before the Hanoi and the pirates decided to see what booty they could get from her.

##### Somme in Bias Bay.

The Tean arrived at Bias Bay about eleven o'clock yesterday morning, having sighted a Customs cruiser on the way. Arriving in Bias Bay they were disconcerted to find H.M.S. Somme lying at anchor and apparently realised that they might have difficulty in getting ashore.

Showing considerable cunning, they lowered a boat from the Tean on the leeward side of H.M.S. Somme, thus screening their operations from the warship. The pirates decamped in the boat, taking with them eight or nine Chinese passengers for ransom. They reached the shore and hurried inland as quickly as possible. Meanwhile a boat had been put off from H.M.S. Somme to the Tean, and on learning what had occurred a Naval landing party was put ashore and went in search of the pirates.

Another tragedy was enacted, this time on shore. The pirates apparently chose rough, treacherous country in which to make their escape and one of the Chinese passengers fell over a precipice during the rush with the pirates and was killed. His body was

taken back to the Tean, and, with that of the brother of the pirate chief, shot in Hoihow harbour, was brought ashore at Kowloon about 9.30 last night.

The Tean cleared from Bias Bay before the Naval party which had been landed returned, and therefore it is not known at the moment whether their search was productive or not.

#### THIRD ENGINEER'S EXPERIENCE.

##### Fired At While in Water.

Mr. J. J. Thompson, third engineer, told the Press representative that he finished his watch which was from twelve till four in the morning and was asleep with the chief engineer on the poop deck as was their wont on hot nights. They were awakened by the second officer (Mr. Forster) who in considerable excitement told him that pirates had appeared on the boat. Together they proceeded along the deck and at that moment saw the Indian guards huddled together on the poop deck, their firearms having been taken away from them. Keeping together for mutual protection Mr. Thompson, the chief engineer and the second officer scuttled along the deck. Mr. Thompson was seized by three men and was hustled along with the second officer into the latter's cabin. They were made to give up their firearms.

Later Mr. Thompson was taken on to the bridge where he found Capt. Histed with several armed pirates guarding him, one of whom was pointing a revolver at his stomach. It happened to be the second engineer, Mr. Goldie's watch. He was sitting in the messroom being kept under close surveillance by another pirate.

##### A Warning.

At this moment the sound of a commotion issued from the chief engineer's cabin and Mr. Thompson to prevent a misunderstanding which might have serious results for the chief engineer, shouted a warning to Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts was also seized in turn when he ventured out of his cabin.

With the officers on watch allotted to their various tasks, the ship finally pulled out of the roadstead.

Mr. Thompson was kept together with the chief engineer in the latter's cabin and a guard was maintained at the door. The chief engineer then asked to see the No. 1 pirate who, on his appearance, proved to be a fairly well-educated man who spoke excellent English. He had an agreeable disposition and was amenable to such good advice as was given by the officers when they spoke of the advantages of having their various watches fairly distributed among them in order to prevent their being unduly fatigued by long spells of duty. He was also agreeable to the suggestion that three European passengers, Mrs. and Miss Drummond and another foreign gentleman be given their breakfast and otherwise accorded good treatment. As a result the passengers and some of the officers had their meals at one table while a number of pirates were making themselves at home at another table.

##### Comfortable Smoke.

The pirate chief came into the dining saloon with a number of packages of opium which he had produced from some mysterious source and settled himself down for a comfortable smoke near the pirates' table.

Mr. Thompson at this stage digressed from his narrative to tell of an uncanny incident, that concerning the hoisting out of its place of storage of one of the Chinese coffins which it is customary for ships to carry. Its purpose was to be revealed later.

Although under the instructions of their chief the pirates had conscientiously abstained from robbing the officers, they were not above searching the officers' cabins. In the case of the chief

engineer he was forced to show them his few piastre notes which they did not take. They also handed back to him a gold watch with what was described by Mr. Thompson as a "magnificent gem-stone."

Mr. Roberts had managed to conceal a big sum in Hongkong currency and needless to say he did not disclose this money to the pirates.

##### An Episode.

An interesting episode which Mr. Thompson merged into his general story, was that of a Chinese passenger who had concealed himself in the stokehold. He suddenly revealed himself to Mr. Thompson while the third engineer was on duty in the engine-room and entreated Mr. Thompson to save him and bring him to Hongkong safely. At the same time he offered \$1,000 for that service. The situation was critical in that it might have been given a wrong interpretation by the pirates giving rise to the suspicion that Mr. Thompson was endeavouring to conceal the man and might have led to bloodshed. Mr. Thompson did what he could to calm the man's fears and sent him away. This passenger disappeared in the stokehold but later re-appeared in the passage outside Mr. Thompson's cabin. It then appeared to Mr. Thompson that this man's fate had a very pathetic expression, one utterly devoid of any hope as if he knew he was doomed. It was this same man who, on being taken inland by the pirates, after their landing at Bias Bay, fell over a precipice and was killed. His body was found by the landing party and brought back to the ship.

##### Somme Discovered.

On arrival at Bias Bay a mist had fallen. For this reason the subsequent movements of the pirates were to some extent obscured but on arrival H.M.S. Somme was found anchored in the bay. The pirates must have seen her at an early stage and made hasty preparations for landing. Two lifeboats were lowered and into one of these they put Mr. Forster, and into the other Mr. Mills. A number of Chinese passengers were also taken among whom was Poo Ping-kwan.

Mr. Thompson, reverting to an earlier stage of his story, told how the pirates with their previous experience of the Sunning and Irene piracies apparently still fresh in their minds, carried out a grim preparation. Having obtained all the available kerosene and oil on which they could lay their hands they poured this into receptacles and disposed these in various parts of the vessel, their avowed intention being to set fire to the ship in the event of the approach of any warship. These preparations were viewed with considerable anxiety by the officers who, to safeguard themselves, made their own preparations for escaping in the event of this threat being put into effect. They were not to know what other caprice might cause the pirates to set fire to the ship and it was a watchful night that was maintained by all the officers.

##### Plan to Escape.

Capt. Histed and his officers had resolved to stay together on the bridge during that night while the engineers had, on their part, planned to be in the engine-room together, as they thought that in the event of an outbreak of fire they would probably be overlooked and would be able to jump overboard unnoticed. As an additional detail in the preparations they had to equip themselves with lifebelts and also disposed a large number of bolts and nuts in various part of the engine-room floor, these to be conveniently at hand and to serve as missiles as a means of defence to repel any attack by the pirates. It was the expressed intention of the pirates to shoot all the officers down if they had to resort to firing the ship.

The experience which befel Mr. Forster, as recounted by Mr. Thompson, constituted one of the most thrilling chapters in the history.

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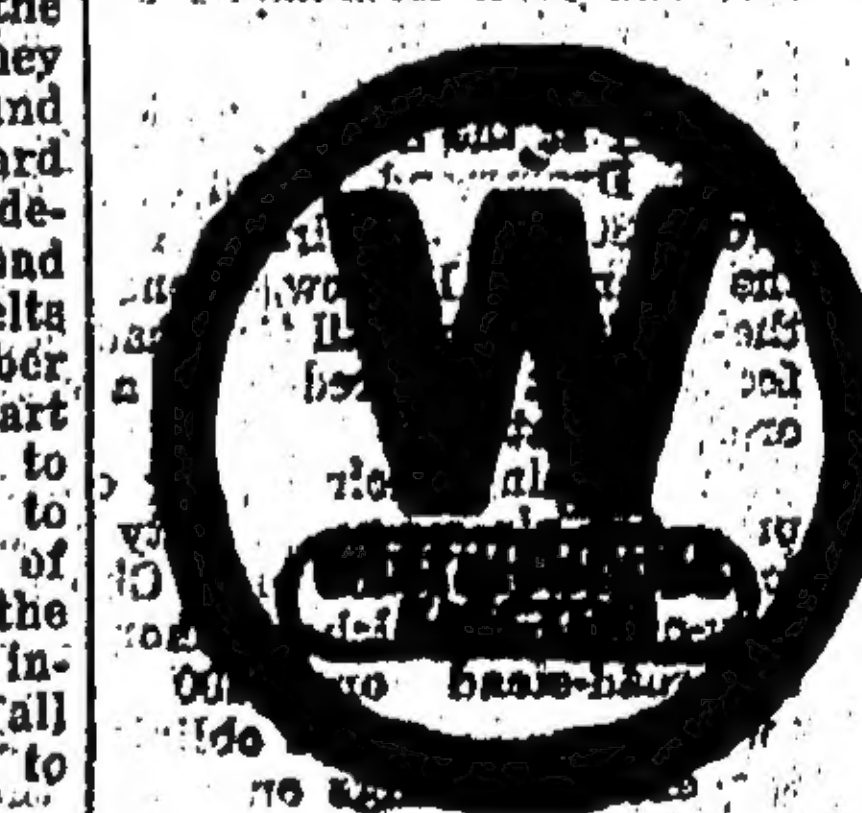
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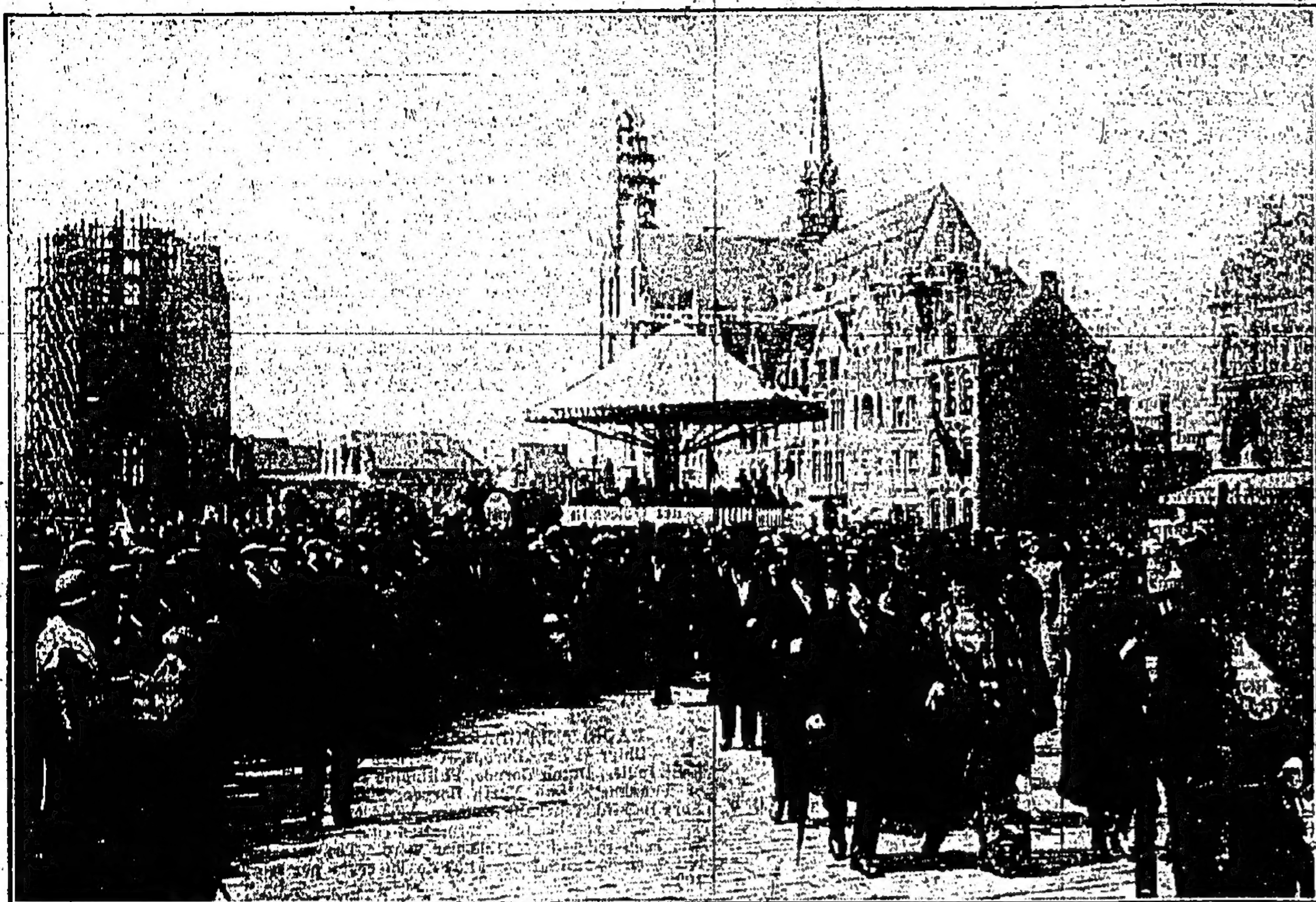
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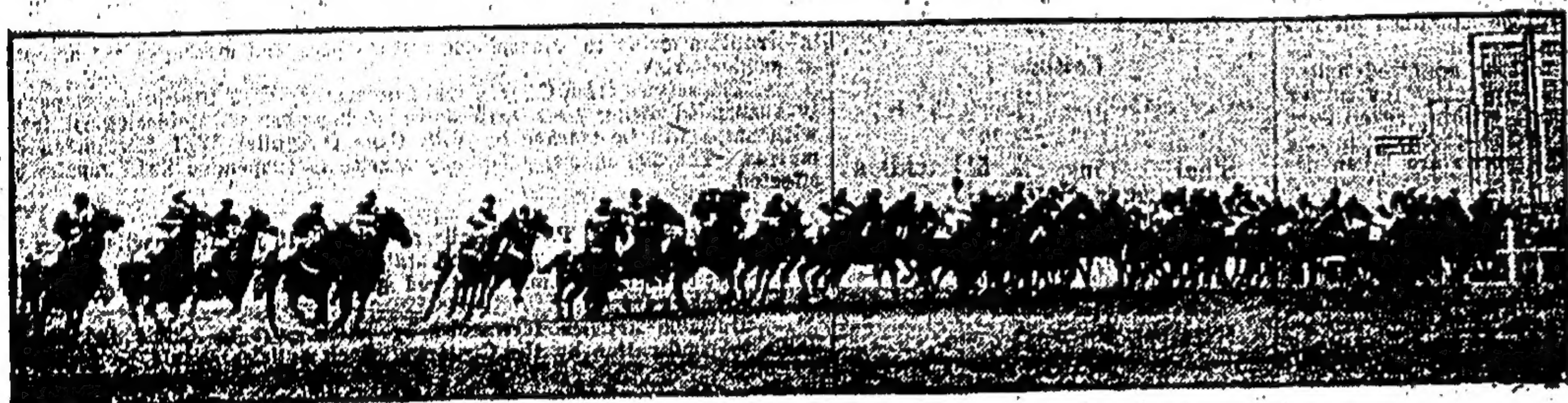
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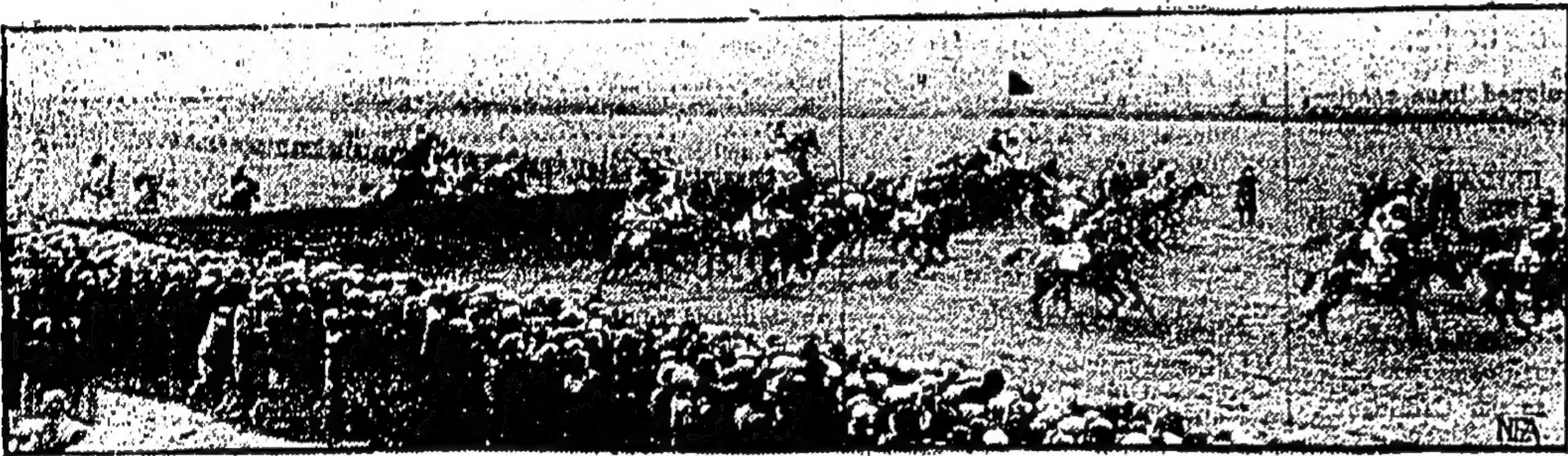




The Lord Mayor of London accompanied by the Burgomaster, M. Sobry, leaving the Town Hall during his visit to Ypres. In the background can be seen the Halles and the Cathedral of St. Martin, which are still under construction. (Times copyright).



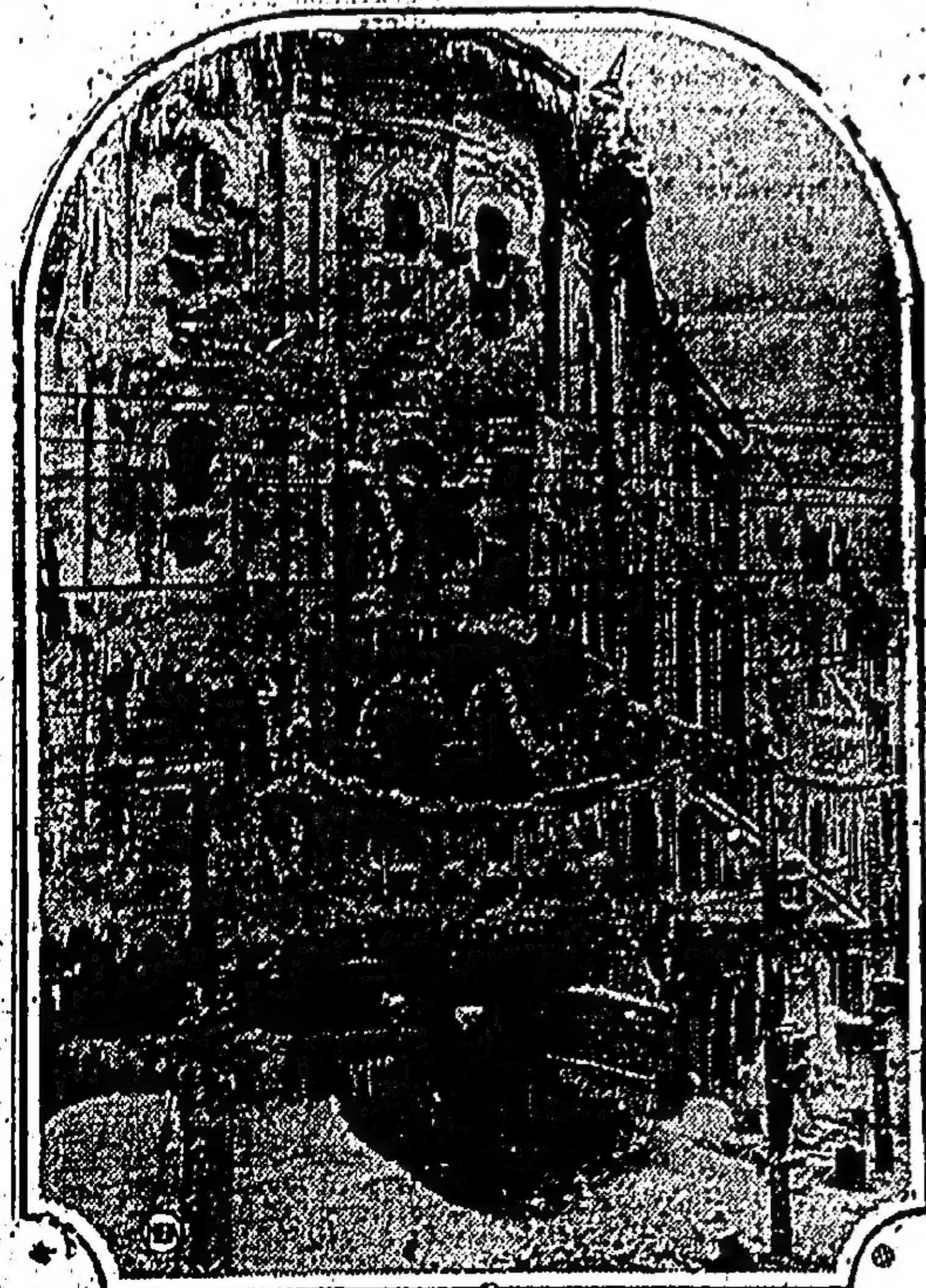
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Picture shows the ovation given to Tipperary Tim in the paddock.



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Photo shows workmen digging machinery out of the yard of a Santa Paula home after the dam disaster.



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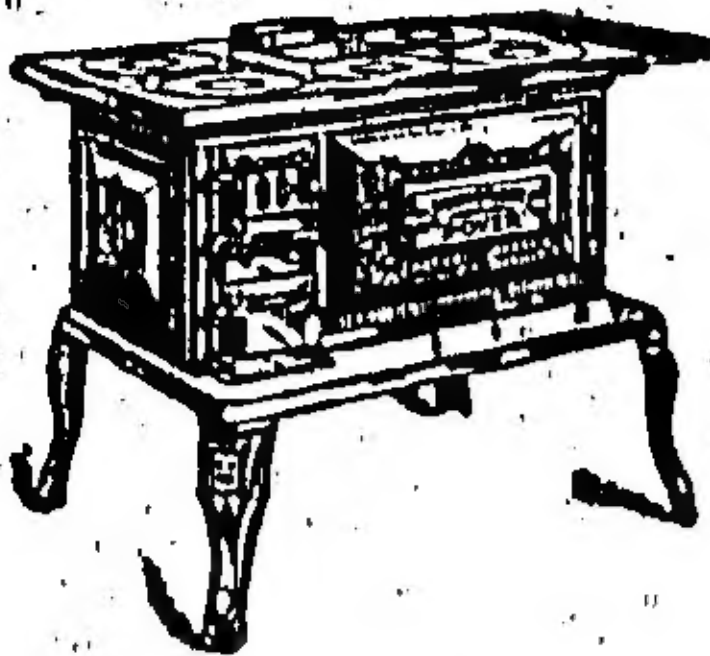
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## POLICE RESERVE.

## ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, states:

## Police Training School.

The classes at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual on Wednesday, May 30th, at 5.30 p.m.

## Chinese Company.

All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, May 31st, advanced men for inspection of Arms, and recruits for Squad Drill under Sergeant Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress and Equipment:—White Uniform. Cap with cover, Belt, (no truncheon), Rifle and Side-arms.

## Indian Company.

All recruits of the Indian Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, May 31st, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sergeant Condon. Dress:—Muti.

## Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, May 31st, Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki. This being the final patrol of the month, all members of the Squad are required to attend.

## King's Birthday Celebration.

All Police Reservists who have been detailed to assist the regular Police in patrol and traffic duties in connexion with the Military Parade at Happy Valley on Monday, June 4th, will fall in as follows:—

Chinese and Indian Companies—fall in at 8.00 a.m. sharp on the Hongkong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley. Dress:—White Uniform, Helmet, Belt (no frog), and Truncheon.

Flying Squad fall in at Central Police Station at 7.30 a.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki.

Sharpshooters' Company fall in at the Monument, Happy Valley, at 8.15 a.m. sharp. Dress:—Caps with covers, Tunics, Shorts, Belts, Holsters and Revolvers, but no pouches.

## Sharpshooters' Company.

A revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th, inst. at 5.00 p.m. Members will assemble at the Range with their revolvers and belts at the above time.

(Sgd.) W. KENT, A.S.P., Adjutant.

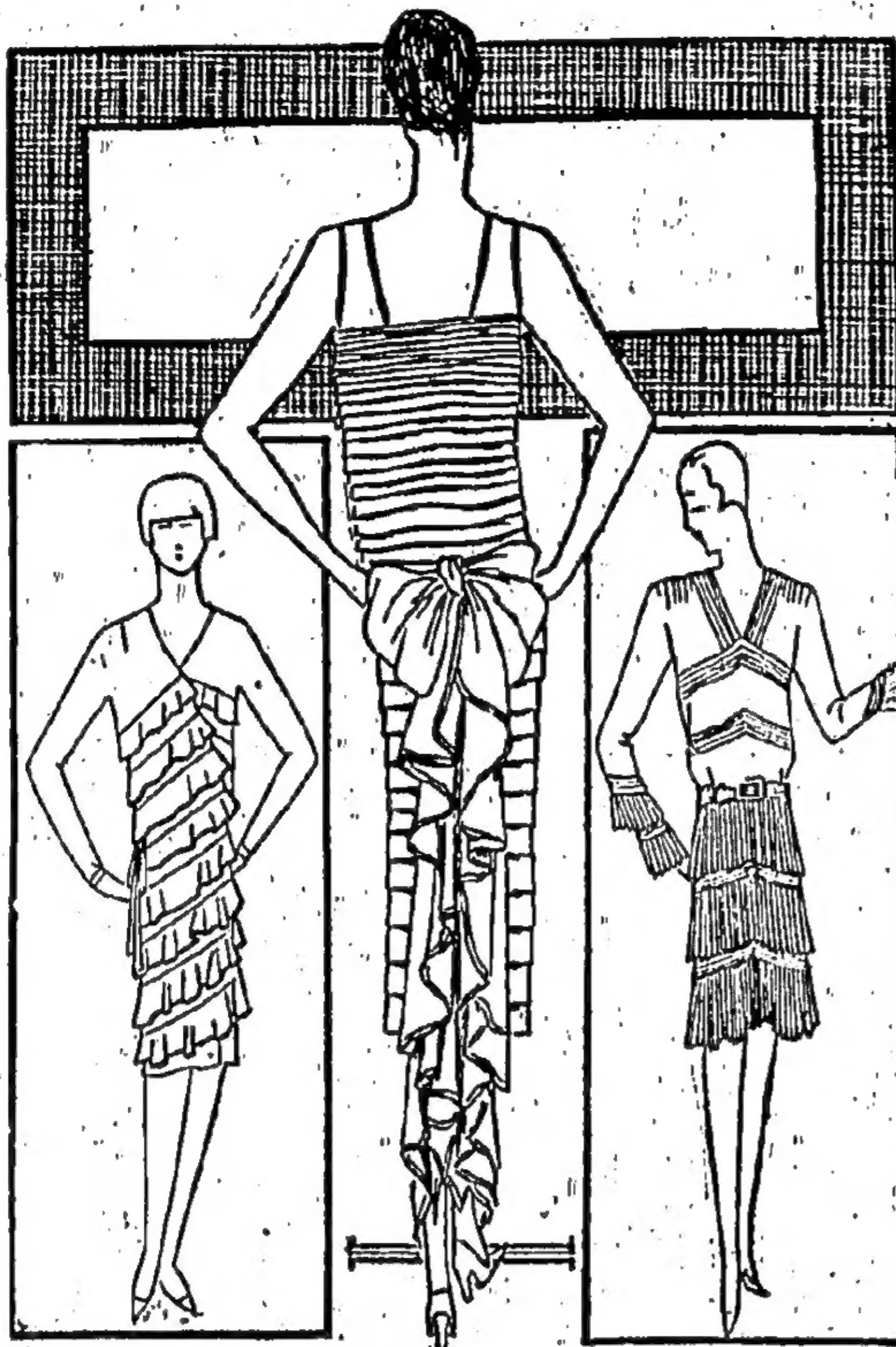
Dr. J. S. Motoda, the first Japanese to be Bishop of Tokyo, has died at Tokyo, aged 66.



These spring winds ought to help a girl catch a man, if not pneumonia.

WOMAN'S WORLD  
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## A Profusion of Frills.



Circular volants give soft undulating beauty to an orchid frock when put on diagonally (left); a rippling pouf with cascading ends gives a summer lightness as well as an uneven hemline to an ash-green gown (centre); right is a tiered skirt and cuffs of pleating on a yellow georgette dress.

## Horse Show Frocks.

## DECIDED PREFERENCE FOR SPORTS CLOTHES.

Paris is preparing for a tremendously gay season.

The new colours are delightfully harmonious; the latest silhouette is eminently attractive. Best news of all—we have not drifted far away from our beloved "sports clothes."

Of course, it is natural that the famous Concours Hippique should call forth lovely garments of sportive design, but the big dress designers have been making such a determined effort to revive universal interest in fussy frills and furbelows that one is a wee bit surprised to find the really influential Parisiennes holding fast to a comparatively simple outline. It is, of course, true that the chic Parisienne is unconcerningly conservative in matters of dress; she requires to be skilfully led, for she can never be driven!

A Question of Culture. And she remains convinced that horse show and race gowns ought to suggest "le sport!" She is quite right.

The woman of really cultured taste recognises the subtle difference between a perfect gown for a wedding or big reception and a perfect toilette for sportive functions.

Beige and Cold-Brown Ubiquitous. The first thing that strikes one is the ever-increasing popularity of beige and cold-brown tints; the second thing is the really immense success of black-and-white. There is a soft pinkish-beige which threatens speedily to become ubiquitous, especially in a heavy make of crepe de chine and in silk jersey lame, silver or copper.

A Youthful Model in Blue. There is a new shade of misty-blue which is rather fascinating in silk crepe. A Horse Show frock of this material, and colour, had curious plants that ran down into a sharp point in front, the coats following the same lines. This was a very "young" model which would have looked all wrong if worn by an older woman.

We have grown accustomed to evening frocks which dip up aggressively in front and down at the back, but a walking dress which gives quite the opposite hem-line is a novelty. One is not at all sure that it was admirable, but it certainly was unusual, and that it had been designed by a very great dress-maker in the Rue de la Paix!

## Sparkling Hanky.



Not even the handkerchief has escaped the rhinestone craze. This fragile accessory now sparkles in its own right.

## In the Home.

## PASTEL SHADES NOW PREDOMINATE.

After a period of almost frenzied adherence to all kinds of exotic and vivid colourings, house decorating experts are now turning their fancies to the more delicate lure of pastel tints.

If you are contemplating the furnishing of a room after the spring-cleaning upheaval, this new idea may appeal to you. The room chosen should be distinguished in some dark colour, for without this somewhat sombre background, the light and airy impression of the furnishing would lose half its effect.

An exhibition drawing-room recently seen in a London furnishing store had walls of warm-brown paper (a plain one with a deep frieze introducing gold, green, and orange shades), and a wide floor surround was painted in a deeper shade of brown. The oval carpet was of the same tone as the wall-paper, with an edging introducing the colours in the frieze. In this setting it was possible to show off the pastel furnishing to their very best advantage.

An Attractive Scheme. The curtains were of pale leaf-green. They were in plain casement cloth with wide borders of pale mauve.

The easy chairs and the settee were upholstered in a cretonne which introduced all these delicate shades—brown, gold, leaf-green, and mauve—into its decorative pattern. A three-fold screen covered in mauve silk had a bird

## Printed Fabrics.

## NATURAL AND FANTASTIC COLOURING.

Scarlet poppies on a grey and green background patterned a chiffon evening frock which had matching poppies falling with the hip draperies at one side.

Marigolds in orange and red colourings were applied on a frock of beige lace.

Beige leaves on a black background made a very charming chiffon day frock.

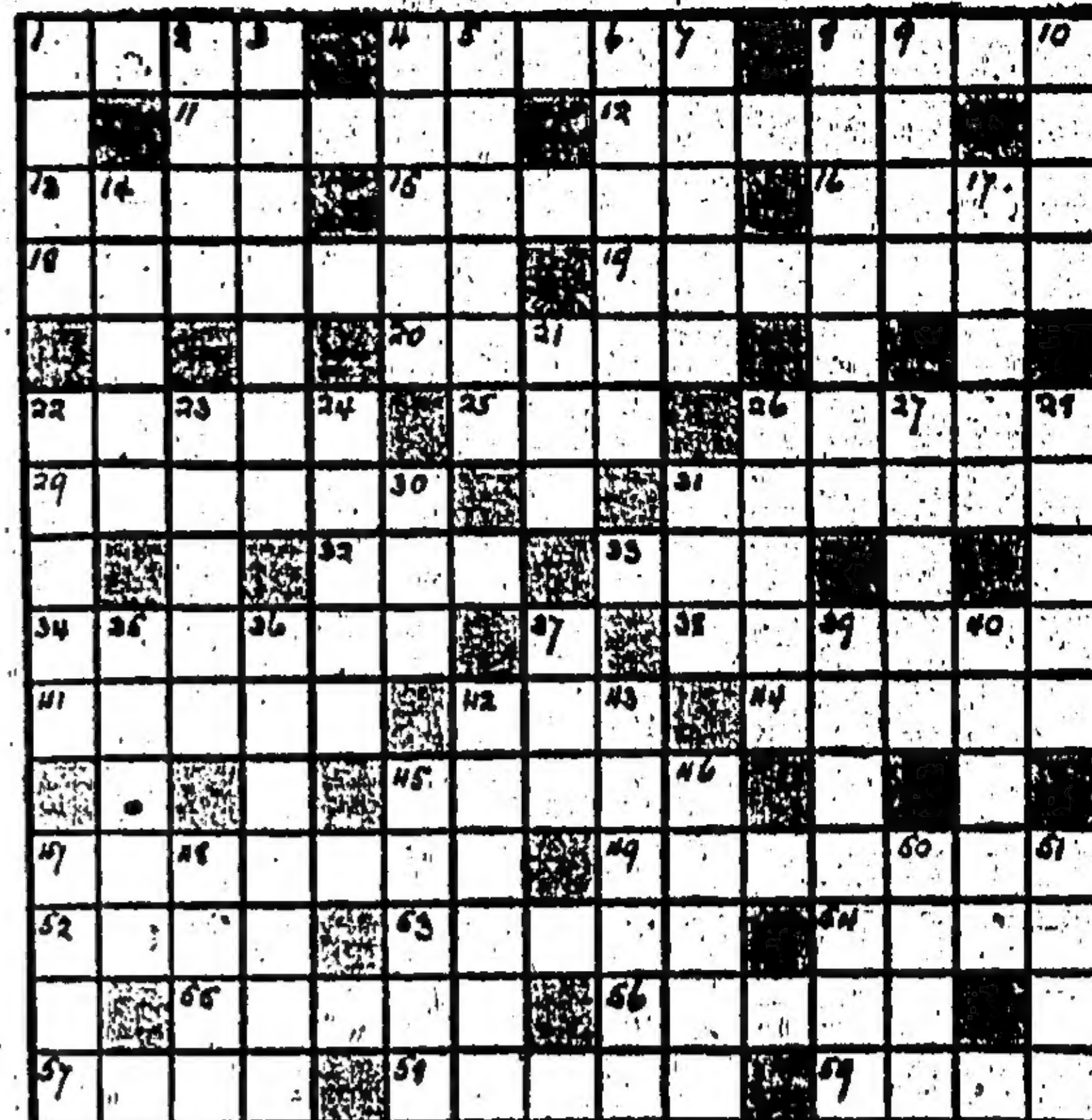
Wisteria in its natural colour patterned a black frock which had sprays of the same flower hanging from one side of the waist-line.

Big hollyhocks in orange green and blue patterned the skirt of a crepe frock which had a white bodice bordered and draped with the printed fabric to match.

design in green and mauve, and even the frame of the oval mirror hanging over the mantelpiece was a delicate green with a motif in gold and mauve at the top. This idea would, of course, be equally attractive carried out in any combination of pale colours provided that they were carefully chosen and that the foundation for them—the walls, carpet, and surround—were of a rich colour to serve as relief.

Plain black satin cushions were used in the exhibition room, and gave a note of richness and elegance which completed a very attractive scheme.

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## Across.

- 1 Abolishes.
- 4 Knave.
- 8 Feathered animal.
- 11 Occuples space.
- 12 Fertile desert spots.
- 13 Lacinate.
- 15 Orange-like fruit.
- 16 Bestow.
- 18 Exalt.
- 20 Expedite.
- 22 Discourage.
- 25 Sorrowful.
- 26 Sovereign.
- 29 Ascends.
- 31 Chief.
- 32 Serpent.
- 33 Ocean.
- 34 Bound with rope.
- 38 Succeed.
- 41 Wooden frame.
- 42 By way of.
- 44 Pipes.
- 45 Narrow slip.
- 47 Usual.
- 48 Clattered.
- 52 Paradise.
- 53 Famous poem by Homer.
- 54 Ethereal.
- 55 Love ardently.
- 56 Denoting end.
- 57 Floor coverings.
- 58 Fog signal.
- 59 Captures.

## Down.

- 1 Ceremonial.
- 2 Ecclesiastical dignitary.
- 3 Blows.
- 4 Vends.
- 5 Crawls.
- 6 Fixed firmly.
- 7 Provided with panes.
- 8 Tropical plant.
- 9 Egyptian goddess.
- 10 Action.

## 14 Penetrate.

- 17 Tend.
- 21 Organ of hearing.
- 22 Dandle.
- 23 Rows.
- 24 Revolt.
- 25 Side edge of a sail (Naut.)
- 27 Brinks.
- 28 Sea-angles.
- 30 Turf.
- 31 Field (poetical).
- 35 Possessed of ears.
- 36 Hangs down.
- 37 Moves restively sideways.
- 39 Compriso.
- 40 Delay.
- 42 Vale.
- 43 Combine with air.
- 46 Animal's resting places.
- 47 Loaded.
- 48 Origin.
- 49 Trim.
- 50 Wingless insects.
- 51 Changes the colour of a garment.

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## TO-DAY'S FILMS.

## "SIMON THE JESTER" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Some distinctly unusual situations are presented in W. J. Locke's story, "Simon the Jester," the big picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The picture deals with a wealthy Englishman—the Simon of the story—who has only six weeks to live and in consequence treats life as a huge joke. He bequeaths his fortune and worldly goods to his friends and seeks to unravel the love tangle of a friend, and this leads to a series of startling events ending in an exciting climax. The picture has been produced on a large scale and a feature in this connexion is a complete circus which was specially erected to give the utmost realism to an absorbing story. Lillian Rich, Eugene O'Brien are the leading players, with Edmund Burns, Henry B. Walthall and William Platt figuring in the supporting cast.

## "You'd Be Surprised."

Raymond Griffith's comedy "You'd Be Surprised," comes to the Star Theatre to-day and to-

morrow. As a coroner, Raymond Griffith, complete with silk hat, finds himself forced either to unravel the mystery of a murder, or miss a good theatre show. He decides to attempt to solve the mystery, and while doing so, meets a girl who makes him forget all about the play. The picture is sheer burlesque with a surprise ending. Playing opposite Griffith is Dorothy Sebastian who supplies the love interest. Earle Williams and Edward Martindel have prominent roles in the picture.

## "Is Zat So?"

"Is Zat So," the picture which comes to the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, is the amusing story of a penniless prize fighter and his manager who suddenly find themselves in high society. Edmund Lowe, who achieved fame as Sergeant Quirt in "What Price Glory," plays the part of the manager, while George O'Brien appears as the pugilist, Phillip de Lacy, a remarkable child actor has a prominent part. Kathryn Perry and Douglas Fairbanks Junior also have important roles to play. Comedy is sprinkled throughout the picture and in addition there is an appealing love story.

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### A LEGAL POINT.

The public will, we feel sure, share with us some measure of surprise at the announcement made in the Magistracy yesterday that the law officers of the Crown are unable to discover any Ordinance under which Chinese delivering anti-Japanese speeches can be prosecuted. A statement to this effect was made by the Chief Detective Inspector, on the authority of the Attorney General, when two "soap-box orators" were before the Court, and, on the application of the police, the charges against them were withdrawn and they were both discharged. The Magistracy, Lieut.-Col. Eaves, was evidently loth to acquiesce in the police request, for he hazarded the opinion that the men were doing an act which might have caused a breach of the peace, but, in the circumstances, he could not proceed with charges which the police definitely asked to be withdrawn.

If it is the case—our own view is that it is not—that such orators cannot be proceeded against, then our laws are sadly deficient on a point of much importance. We say so much because the impression is now likely to get abroad that Chinese agitators are perfectly free to make this Colony a centre in which they are at liberty to indulge in all manner of political propaganda, directed against nations with whom Britain is on terms of amity and friendship. No more unfortunate idea could possibly be spread abroad here, and it does not take much imagination to realise the extent to which this liberty might be exploited by mischief-makers. So we say that if our existing laws do not cover such cases, then it is high time they were amended so as to include them. Strange to say, even the Emergency Regulations of 1922 (the operation of which, so far as we can recall, has not yet been suspended) do not embrace speech-making, although under their provisions it is an offence to be in possession of placards, or pamphlets calculated to induce persons to join in boycott movements, or to do any act calculated to cause a breach of the peace or to interfere with the maintenance of law and order. Seemingly, possession of the written word is contrary to law, but actual use of

the spoken word to the same effect is not. That, however, is by the way. We do suggest, however, that persons caught addressing crowds in terms which advocate a boycott of Japanese goods might well be proceeded against under Section 23 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, by which it is an offence to make use of threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour "whereby a breach of the peace may be occasioned." It may be true that these "boycott orators" do not directly incite their hearers to commit a breach of the peace, but it is hardly conceivable that, at the present juncture, their remarks might easily inflame their hearers to the extent that they might, for example, indulge in window-smashing. Boycott speeches, without a shadow of a doubt, might occasion such a breach of the peace—and to admit that is all that is necessary to bring them within the provisions of the Ordinance named. By another Ordinance, that pertaining to the regulation of Chinese meetings are not allowed without permission from the authorities, and under this law also it might be found possible to take action where large crowds are gathered to hear these professional agitators.

One anomaly which will strike our readers is that whereas the two orators got sent-free yesterday, another Chinese who was carrying a banner bearing anti-Japanese sentiments was given a nine months' term of imprisonment. In this connexion, we cannot refrain from remarking on the somewhat unusual procedure adopted by the Magistracy in making the defendant hostage for the good behaviour of others by intimating that if defendant's associates refrained from carrying on unlawful propaganda during the next three months, he (the Magistracy) might, at the end of that period, advise the proper authority to commute the remainder of the sentence. In our opinion, that is a bad precedent to set. The punishment, whatever the charge, should fit the crime, and we cannot approve any method whereby a convicted man's term of imprisonment is made contingent on what others either may or may not do.

### Flare-up in Balkans.

The disquieting news from Jugo-Slavia will arouse wider public interest than is usual with a Balkan flare-up, for two reasons. Those who profess to be interpreters of the riddle of the Great Pyramid have prophesied a great world calamity to take place at this time; and while the great majority are sceptics, the serious incidents at Zara, Sebenic and Spalato will at least hesitate the scoffing until developments take a definite turn. Attention will also be focussed on Jugo-Slavia because it is the third time within a week that high feeling against Italy and Fascism has expressed itself in hostile demonstrations. Beginning with the outrage at Buenos Aires where the Italian Consulate was wrecked, nine clerks killed, and forty people injured by a bomb planted by anti-Fascists, there followed the Innsbruck incidents where youths climbed the Italian Consulate walls, hauled down the Italian flag and insulted it. Of the Jugo-Slavian demonstrations only scanty details are available, but it is clear that the mob got out of hand and attacked the Consulate at Sebenic and Spalato with stones, and afterwards racing round the streets and smashing the shop-windows of all Italian business premises. Although not attended by the terrible casualties of the Buenos Aires affair, the incidents in Jugo-Slavia, occurring even in the capital, Belgrade, are much more serious. The atmosphere is electrical, and the situation can only be viewed with grave anxiety. The Italian Minister has already formally protested. The tone of the Jugo-Slav reply will decide whether or not the conflagration will die down as quickly as it arose. The political significance of the outbreaks is curious, since Reuters informs us they arose from a peace agreement. A Convention drawn up at Nettung in 1925 had not been ratified by the Jugo-Slav Govern-

### DAY BY DAY:

THEY PASS BEST OVER THE WORLD WHO TRIP OVER IT QUICKLY, FOR IT IS BUT A BOG—IF WE STOP, WE SINK.—Queen Elizabeth.

A Chinese case of typhoid was notified yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Morea from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 26th May at 7 p.m.

The Empress of Russia, which left Hongkong on the 9th May, arrived at Vancouver on the 27th May.

Owing to the indisposition of Mr. W. Schofield, the Kowloon Magistrate, Major C. Willson sat at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

The death of Mr. Theodore D'Silva, who recently retired from the post of court bailiff, Singapore, occurred on Friday at the age of 64. He leaves a widow but no family.

The new Portuguese Consul-General for Malaya, Senhor Rodrigo Guillermo Alves Guerra, arrived in Singapore by the M. M. liner General Metzinger, succeeding Senhor A. A. Ferreira.

The Misses Alleen and Doris Woods will make their last appearance at the Y.M.C.A., City Hall, to-night in an entertainment for the Services. They sail to-morrow for Vancouver.

According to a police report, junk No. 133211 left Kowloon City at 6 p.m. on Wednesday last from Tokawan for Capsumoon with seven men and twenty women on board, who were on a trip to Capsumoon to cut grass. So far, the junk has not been sighted at Capsumoon and nothing has been heard of it since its departure from Tokawan.

The application of the Philippine Telephone and Telegraph Company filed before the public service commission in Manila asking authority to adopt an additional schedule rate to be based upon the number of calls, ten centavos per call has been refused by Judge Roman A. Cruz, associate public service commissioner, declaring that the proposed measured rate is unreasonable and discriminatory.

Four new stained glass windows have just been installed in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, being situated to the left of the main altar. Two of the windows were erected in memory of the deceased wives of two well-known members of the congregation, a third was presented by Mr. Samuel Barchill, whilst the other was subscribed for by members of the Catholic community.

A number of motor car touts were brought before Lt. Col. F. Eaves, acting first Magistrate, this morning for touting for passengers in the Western district, near the Tai Ping Theatre and the Chinese restaurants, and in Hill Road. In six cases, his Worship imposed fines of \$5 and in the case of two others, who had previously committed the same offence, his Worship ordered fines of \$10.

It is reported that the first prize in the big sweep at the Singapore race meeting, on Saturday week, valued at \$36,000, was won by a ticket purchased for two clerks and a tamby employed in the office of Paterson, Simons and Co. The clerks paid \$2 each towards the lucky ticket and the tamby the remaining \$1, and they accordingly share the proceeds in those proportions. The tamby's dollar will have brought him back \$17,000.

The usual fortnightly whist drive was held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday night, when 68 players took part. The duties of M.C. were discharged by Mr. D. Harvey, and at the conclusion of play the prizes were distributed by Mrs. G. E. F. Thompson, who was thanked by Mr. C. Bond, the Convener of the Social Committee. The prize-winners were—Ladies—1st. Mrs. Hevey; 2nd. Mrs. Hall; Hidden Number, Mrs. Bell; Booby, Mrs. Gleno. Gentlemen—1st. Capt. Groundwater; 2nd. Mr. J. C. Brown; Hidden Number, Mr. T. Ferguson, Booby, Mr. R. Duncan.

A motion in Parliament to this end by the Premier, M. Marinovich, drew a storm of dissent, and violent anti-Italian agitation was commenced in the Press. It is alleged that the Italians indicated their disapproval by insults to the Jugo-Slav flag at Zara, Dalmatia, and that the outbreak in Jugo-Slavia is in the nature of a reply. The injury to the Jugo-Slav consul at Zara yesterday has further incensed public opinion, and tension is running even higher than before. At the moment there is every material for the development of a first-class international crisis, and the need for restraint cannot be too strongly urged.

### TO-DAY'S GREAT THOUGHT.

[By "K. K. K."]

There's just one other thing, if you will spare me a minute or two. I won't be long. I like to get to the point quickly. "Don't beat about the bush" is my motto. And always was.

Well, as I was going to say, my idea is this: The other day, I just went in to have a quick one, and then Ethelbert said—Oh, don't you know Ethelbert? He's a talpan. He lives on the Peak and goes up in the Peak tram. (No, no, I refuse to discuss anybody's knees any further, "Femina.")

Well, Ethelbert—he comes of a very good family, by the way—he said: "What about the other half?" So we did, and then—just a minute, I'm coming to it now—"Well," he said, "now tell me definitely, (he's great on 'definitely,' is Ethelbert) 'tell me definitely,'" he said, just like that, "without any hanky-panky or false delicacy, in plain English, exactly what you are up to."

I said: "Look here, Ethel" (I call him Ethel after we've had one or two) "are you speaking to me as a talpan to an individual, or as man to man?"

"As man to man," he said. "I want to know." That's what I like about him; there's no nonsense about Ethelbert. Well, I'm pretty quick in the uptake myself; mother always did say that about me, and I got his meaning right away, though there's plenty as wouldn't, having it sprung on them so suddenly.

"Well," I said, "mark my words, Ethel, believe me or believe me not, that's just what I want to know myself." "Ah," he said. He's a deep one, is Ethelbert, and when he says "Ah," he means a lot. "Now, what I want to know, Ethel, is what you think about it yourself. Here we all are, there's no gainsaying that, is there? But the question is: Why are we all here? I grant you some of us aren't all there (that's different), but what's the answer? What are we all up to, so far from home? That's what I want to know. There's Ethelbert, he's losing money, and I never had any, and the rest of us never will have. And there's the Army and the Navy and the Government protecting us and keeping order so that we can go on losing more money—and what are we all doing it for? What's the big idea, General?"

### WHO IS ZORA THE INVISIBLE?

SCRIBBLED NAME MYSTERY  
IN NEW SERIAL.

The new Telegraph serial, to follow "Girl Alone" concluded in this issue, will be from the pen of Mr. J. R. Wilmot, the well-known writer of mysteries.

He is one of the few authors who can satisfy readers who appreciate the well-constructed mystery story. While Mr. Wilmot has a reputation for maze-like complexity, baffled readers find compensation for their inability to see the movement in the charm of the love interest which he weaves skilfully into each phase of the story.

"Zora the Invisible" is one of his best serial efforts, and commences in the Telegraph on Thursday.

Briefly stated, the story concerns the death in mysterious circumstances of a Montgomery Gaynor, a wealthy diamond merchant. The authorities are baffled, but are inclined to the belief that it is a case of suicide. Peter Blayne, a young medico, observes features which the Police miss, and forms his own conclusions. During a survey of the dead man's office, Blayne finds a quantity of ash, curiously congealed, along with a half-burned scrap of paper, upon which is written, in green ink, the word "Zora."

The subsequent developments are fascinating and make a yarn which should not be missed.

### MORE RAIN PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anti-cyclone is now central to the east of Tokyo. The northern depression is moving eastward. The Hainan depression is unchanged. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; overcast; rain. The rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day totalled 2.12 inches.

### The Very Idea!

A fourteen-year-old schoolboy of Dresden, Ontario, extorted more than \$100 from a twelve-year-old schoolboy, in amounts ranging from 5 cents to \$5, over a period of more than a year, police allege in connexion with the younger lad's flight from his home. Childish fear and dread of parental punishment are said to have prompted Kenneth Law's trip to Windsor, where he was found in a hotel under a different name, with very little money on him, nervous and incoherent. Law's father unearthed the black-mailing angle when he discovered two threatening notes addressed to his son.

Having gleaned many valuable hints from Mr. John Newton's bright little booklet, "Don'ts for Choir-boys," we are borrowing some of the author's thunder in drawing up.

Don'ts for He-Elocutionists. Don't recite "Gunga Din" unless provoked.

Don't make your Adam's apple jut out when you come to the sob parts.

Don't make your moustache—if you have one—bristle like the quills of the frightful porcupine.

Don't let tears come in your eyes. The weather's damp enough already.

Don't open your mouth so that your gums are exposed. That is indelicate.

Don't think it necessary when you mention the word "heart" to tap yourself on the wing rib.

Don't shoot your cuff out when gesticulating.

Don't gesticulate.

Don't recite.

More than a hundred eggs have been laid by one strong, silent hen belonging to A. Turner, Dorset County Council's poultry expert, yet she hasn't clucked before laying nor cackled afterward. So Turner calls this White Wyandotte the Lost Chord. Another Wyandotte was called Charley's Aunt after the owner saw the film. She has distinguished herself by laying twenty-eight eggs in a month, 270 eggs in 280 days. Lady-in-Waiting, a Rhode Island Red, adheres to her dignified name by not laying at all, although she has consumed 560 dinners of special food.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: You respect your mother-in-law? Man: I have reason to—she keeps me.

Tottenham man: I am a civil servant. Clerk: That does not help us much. There are so many classes of civil servants, and some are not civil.

Nottinghamshire magistrate: Did the driver stop his car? Man: No, a railway bridge stopped it for him.

Man at Bow County Court: If you will allow my wife to speak. Wife: Allow me, indeed! I am going to speak.

Judge at West London County Court: Have you any witnesses? Man: Yes, sir, two. One is dead and the other is in hospital.

Traveling by tube is extremely beneficial, says a doctor.

Of late I've felt a trifle down (The springtime of the year, maybe);

Indeed, I've thought of leaving town,

In search of health beside the sea.

But now I learn that health awaits

Me in the railway tube, and so.

Though down, I'll step within the gates,

And down still further I will go.

From Belsize Park to Aldgate East,

From Mansion House to Colliers Wood,

I'll hang my cares and know, at least,

That while I'm down, 'twill do me good.

No more I'll go by car or bus

When seedy, spasms come my way,

I'll just go underground, and thus

Prevent my going there to stay!

Swiftly the pageboy ran through the hotel abutting a name at the top of his voice. First the lounge was scoured.

"Mr Zeddikowsky! Mr. Zeddikowsky!" he called, in the strange tone peculiar to pageboys.

Then the lengthy round of dining-room, ball-room, and hall was completed, but no signs of Mr. Zeddikowsky were forthcoming. Just as the boy was returning the telegram to the clerk's desk, a soft voice from a settee in the lounge asked:—"What initial, please?"



COMMUNISTS GET  
TEN YEARS.TWO CHINESE SENTENCED AT  
SINGAPORE.

## RIOTS ADVOCATED.

At the Singapore Assizes on Tuesday last, two Chinese, Goh Joon Pong and Liew Low Jang, were charged with possession of seditious literature. The first accused pleaded guilty and the second accused claimed trial.

In opening, the D.P.P. (Mr. N. H. P. Whitley) said that the evidence would show that Inspector Kemp, of the Central Station, visited the house of Lt. Wilson at Mount Faber and inspected the boys' quarters. He found a quantity of literature which was of a most appalling character.

The D.P.P. then referred to the documents to show that they came under the section under which the accused are charged. The first, he said, was an extract from a "bulletin" published by the Imperialists and "their running dogs" (the police), the "preferred method being by assassination. Besides the 'red bodyguard' it was urged that the people should get ready for war, the best weapons for this purpose being bombs, revolvers and daggers. For riots the use of bombs and revolvers was recommended.

Among those singled out for assassination were the Consuls, the secretary for Chinese Affairs, and particularly the Governor of the Straits Settlements. The documents were found in the room of the first accused. In the room of the second accused rolls of paper, similar to that on which the literature had been printed, and part of a cyclostyle printing-set, was found. The printing-set was still wet showing that it had been recently used. The other part of the printing-set was found between the oven and the wall in the cook's room.

Evidence was given by Lieut. Wilson (Assistant Registrar of Shipping) who said that the first accused had been in his employ for eight months and the second accused since last September. They gave their ages to him as 20 years.

Inspector Kemp identified the documents and gave evidence of arrest.

Mr. W. T. Cherry, Government Printer, said that the printing-set produced was a German invention by which any number of copies of a written document could be made without the use of type.

Both accused were unanimously found "guilty." His Lordship, without commenting on the case, sentenced both prisoners to 10 years penal servitude.

"FLYING THE WHITE  
PIGEON."MOTHER AND DAUGHTER GO  
TO PRISON.

A mother and her daughter were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of defrauding a Chinese of \$20 by the well-known Chinese trick, "flying the white pigeon."

Sub-inspector Hoare, who prosecuted, said the girl was introduced to the complainant by a fellow lodger on March 3. Desiring to take her as a concubine, the complainant paid the go-between \$5 and the girl \$20. On March 11 the girl went to the complainant's house and lived with him. The following day the mother took the girl away and she was not seen again till May 24 when she was found in Tai Nam Street and arrested.

## SMALL BOY STOLEN.

HARBOURER GETS THREE  
MONTHS.

A man and young girl were jointly charged before Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with receiving and harbouring a small boy at No. 316, Canton Road.

The first defendant admitted harbouring the boy, but declared that the girl brought him to the house.

Accepting this as a plea of guilty, sentence of three months' hard labour was passed. The Police withdrew the charge against the girl who was acquitted.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## "VERONICA" NOW.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Perpetually tired and lazy as I am, I cannot refrain from entering the fray again as methinks, "Veronica" needs replying to. I hope, however, that this will be the last time, as a repetition of such a fatiguing task will surely paralyse my brains for the next few months—maybe years.

Now, "Veronica," I agree (vide my first letter) with you that it is an absolute shame to attack "Femina" in the way the other "hairy, bony, ugly knood" people are doing. Wasn't I a darling to help "Femina" the way I did? Not half, I ain't!

"Veronica" dear, you made an awful blunder when you said that the men of this Colony have no respect for ladies. We do have—for ladies. But, may I ask, is "Femina" one? Echo answers "No."

We do not mind being told the truth with or without frills, but I hate snobbishness. Why the Sam Hill can't we be allowed to do anything we like without being told that we "shock" the ladies?

As to shorts being indecent, I would like to know whether they are any more indecent than the modern women's fashions with no sleeves, low-cut collars and extra short skirts—shorts that are no short as to expose the garters. Do you seriously think, "Veronica," that women dressed in the height of fashion show any consideration for mere men? Methinks, my dear "Veronica," that there are more self-made (and a pretty mess they made of the job) women than men.

As for the reason (real or imaginary) for the ladies' disgust, may I ask what this is?—Yours, fagged-out,

T. FRED. TIM.

Kowloon, May 28th, 1928.

## COMFORT DENIED.

Sir,—Alas poor man! Woman will not allow him any comfort whatever. She wants it for herself. Remember "Femina" for her comfort man is toiling from morn till night to supply her with fur for winter, and costly silk for summer.

Oh woman, in our hours of ease, Uncertain, coy and hard to please

And variable as the shade, By the light, quivering aspen made.

When pain and anguish wring the brow, A ministering angel thou.

Yours, etc.,

MASCULINO.

INGENIOUS FRAUD  
ALLEGED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

to a visit paid to his office by the defendant in an attempt to settle the case.

Mr. Lo objected, saying he had never heard of such a procedure when both the plaintiff and defendant had given their evidence and been cross-examined.

His Lordship upheld Mr. Lo, pointing out that Mr. Hall had had an opportunity of cross-examining the defendant on the point. The course for the plaintiff to adopt, proceeded his Lordship, was to find his man. In the present action judgment would have to be given for the defendant.

Mr. Hall, in the course of further remarks, spoke of a "conspiracy between brothers" but Mr. Lo objected to these remarks.

His Lordship again agreed with Mr. Lo saying that there was no suggestion that the defendant and his brother witness were in any way implicated in a conspiracy.

In giving judgment for the defendant with costs his Lordship repeated the procedure which the plaintiff should adopt and added that Mr. Hall could make allegations when that stage was reached.

## MARINE COURT.

## THIS MORNING'S CASES.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Leung Loi, master of the steam-launch Lee Ka, was charged with towing junks of tonnage more than allowed by licence through the entrance of the Yau Ma Tei Tunnels. Owing to legal technicalities, the charge could not be sustained and it was withdrawn at the request of police officers.

The master of a trading junk, charged with anchoring in the Tai Kok Tsui Cable Reserve, pleaded guilty and stated that he had been forced ashore by the prevailing wind, his sail, having been damaged.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$10, with the usual alternative.

For lying inshore during dark hours at Wan Chai, fifteen junk masters and mistresses, pleading guilty, were each fined \$10.

OFFICIAL VERSION OF  
"TEAN" PIRACY.PIRATES TWICE CHANGE  
DESTINATION.

The official police report of the Tean piracy, issued to-day, is piracy, as issued this morning, is as follows:

A piracy was reported at 8 p.m. last night by Captain E. F. Histed, master of the Butterfield and Swire steamer Tean, who states that at 4.15 a.m. on May 27, the ship was anchored at Hoihow Bay, in Chinese waters, when there were on board three European and two Chinese saloon passengers and a cargo of 500 tons of general cargo.

The master was asleep when he was awakened by the sound of several shots fired outside his cabin. Half a minute later, the cabin was forced open and three men entered. One man had a revolver which he pointed at the master and asked him for the firearms.

The pirates, after taking the Captain's revolver from him, led him to the chief officer's cabin, where, after waiting a while, the chief officer was brought in by three other pirates. The two were then taken on the bridge, where they were ordered to head for Swatow.

The ship proceeded on this course until noon, when they were ordered to make for Aberdeen (Hongkong) where, the pirates stated, they intended to pick up some fishing junks. At 2 p.m. the order to proceed to Aberdeen was changed and the Captain was directed to steer the ship for Bias Bay.

The ship entered Bias Bay at about 10 a.m. on the 28th and sighted a British gunboat anchored there. The ss. Tean was ordered to steer west of the gunboat and when a mile away from the shore, two of the ship's boats were lowered, in which the pirates, numbering thirty in all, went ashore.

The pirates took with them the chief and second officers. These two, however, returned to the ship later unharmed. In addition to the two officers, six Chinese passengers were taken ashore, five of whom returned later. The body of the sixth was picked up dead, having fallen down the face of a cliff.

The Customs cruiser Yeung Shing appeared on the spot shortly after the ship had anchored and came alongside the Tean. They landed a party who chased the pirates and the later in their flight dropped money and jewellery to the value of \$1,000. It was during this chase that the pirates released their captives.

A party was also landed from H. M. S. Somme.

During the piracy, one of the pirates was accidentally shot dead by one of his own confederates. The pirates took away with them jewellery, clothing and money to the value of \$7,000. No cargo was touched. In addition, they took six Winchester rifles, ten revolvers and a quantity of ammunition.

The body of a Chinese named Cheung Chi-wan was removed to the Public Mortuary last night from the ss. Tean. Deceased was about forty years of age, and was a native of Hoihow. This man was taken ashore by the pirates at Bias Bay but fell over a cliff and was killed.

Another body, that of the pirate who was killed on board, was also removed to the Mortuary.

GIRL VICTIMS OF  
RADIUM.DOOMED TO A PAINFUL  
DEATH.

## X-RAY PICTURES.

Five young women, whom physicians testify cannot be saved from a slow and painful death by radium poisoning, are suing the United States Radium Company for one and a quarter million dollars, or \$250,000 each.

They are former employees of the company, and became poisoned with the mysterious substance they handled, and recently, in Newark (New Jersey) Court they sat apparently unmoved while X-ray photographs were exhibited showing how their bones, and tissues were gradually being demolished.

The proceedings are being held before the Vice-Chancellor to determine whether their case should be exempted from the Statute of Limitations.

They left the employ of the Radium Company five years ago, and the statute requires that a suit must be instituted within two years of injury.

Luminous Watch Dials. Learned medical men, on their behalf, referred to the slowness with which radium poisoning acts, and said it failed to make its effect apparent within two years after it had been contracted.

It was said that the women contracted the poisoning from wetting their brushes with their mouths while painting watch dials with a radium compound to make them luminous by night.

Arthur Hoeder, President of the Company, said that he was not aware that the employees wetted brushes with their lips, but the girls declared that when they went to work they had been told that they would get best results in that manner.

The young women are Katherine Schaub, Mrs. Quinta McDonald, Edna Hussman, Mrs. Albina Larice, and Grace Fryer, all living in New Jersey.

HOW MUCH DO YOU  
KNOW?

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What new Canadian office has been established and, who has been given the first appointment?
2. Name the three previous Chancellors of the Exchequer, counting back from Mr. Winston Churchill.
3. What interesting discovery has been made during excavations at Jerash, in Transjordan?
4. When appointed, and what duties does it fulfil?
5. What is the maximum expense which a candidate for a County Council election may incur in the conduct of an election?
6. What postage stamp has recently been abandoned by the South African Post Office?
7. Who wrote the following: (a) The Bride's Tragedy; (b) A Woman Killed with Kindness; (c) The Shaving of Shagpat?
8. State the purpose of psychoanalysis.
9. Is the North Sea deep or shallow?
10. Through whose agency was the Slave Trade abolished?
11. Who, in Greek mythology, was the herald of the gods?
12. For what was Henry Purcell famous?



"Well, I'll grant Churchill he's right on two points—"

## DOCTOR DROWNED.

TRAGIC END TO YACHTING  
CRUISE AT CHERBOURG.

Paris, April 26.

Mr. Richard F. Lister, whose home was at Reading, was drowned this morning at the entrance of Cherbourg harbour. He was on board the Aleator, a yacht sailed by her owner, Mr. W. H. Allen Whitworth, a master of Lancing College.

Entering the harbour the yacht cast anchor. At the same moment an aeroplane which had fallen into the sea was carried down by the tide close to Pelee Island.

Mr. Lister jumped into the dinghy, intending to go after the plane, but finding the current too strong shouted to Mr. Whitworth for help. A line was flung to him, but in catching it he overbalanced, capsize the boat and sank like a stone before the eyes of his friend, who was powerless to help him.

Mr. Kincaid, the British Vice-Consul, has been advised and a search for Mr. Lister's body was carried out without avail.

## WHO IS ZORA?

Montgomery Gaynor is killed. During a survey of his office Peter Blayne, a young medico, finds a half-burned scrap of paper upon which was written in green ink "Zora."

He follows up the mystery, and reveals the criminal.

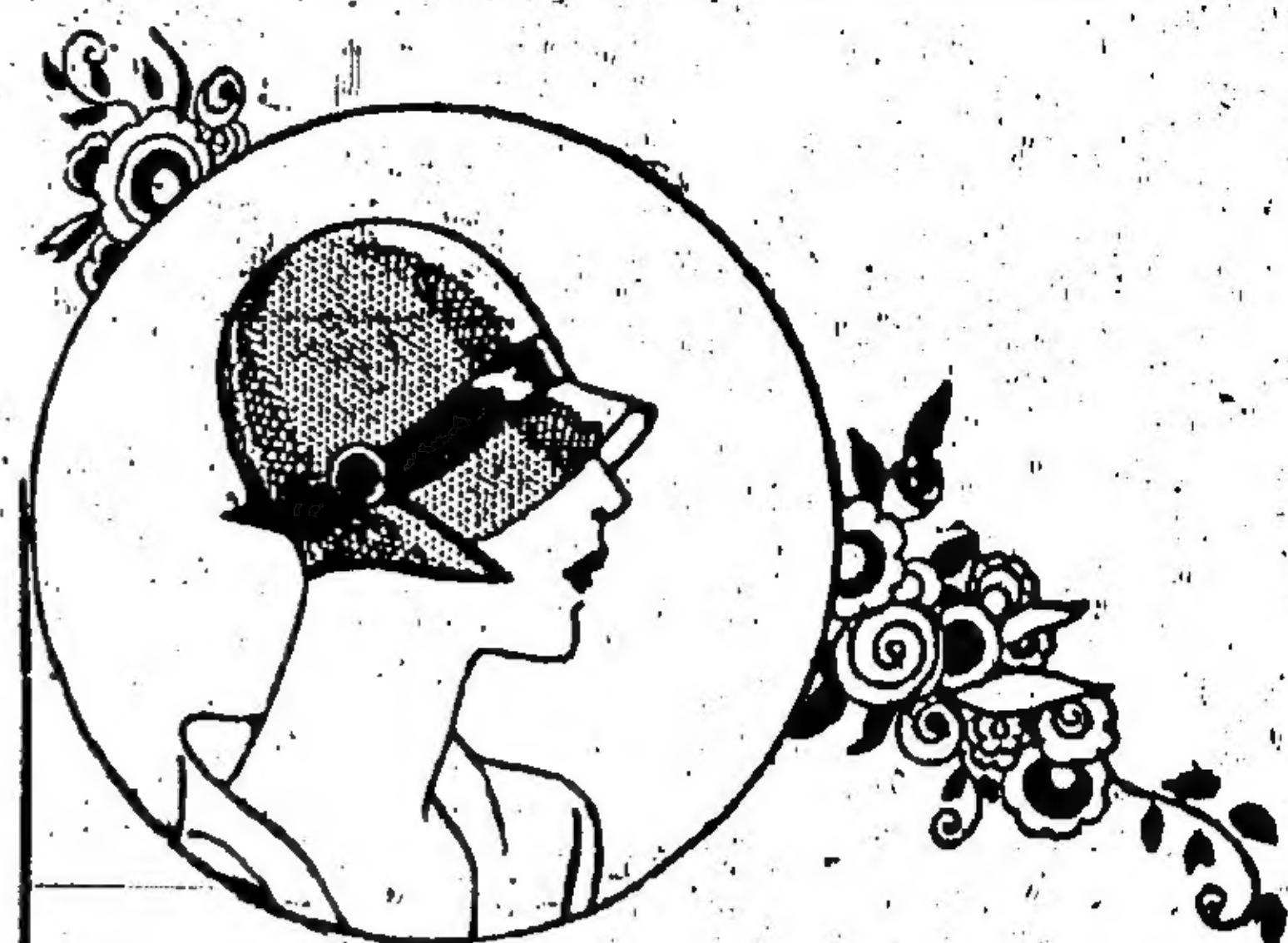
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EXCHANGE BUILDING

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 12 arrivals and 18 departures, with British holding top place, recording six arrivals and the same number of departures. Foreignage was low, and cargoes less than usual. Japanese carried the heavy inward freights, while the best of the through cargoes were monopolised by British. Two vessels entered from Canton in ballast, and cargoes less last.



## THE FINISHING TOUCH

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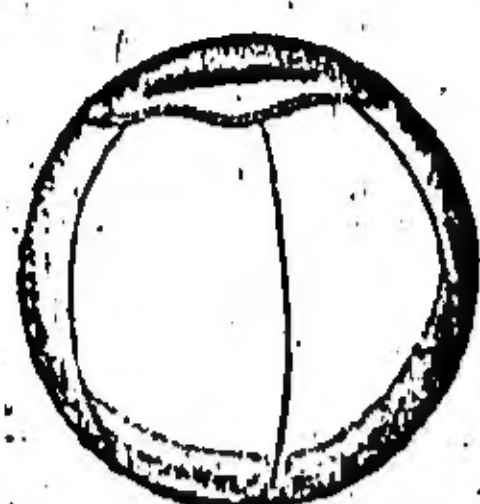
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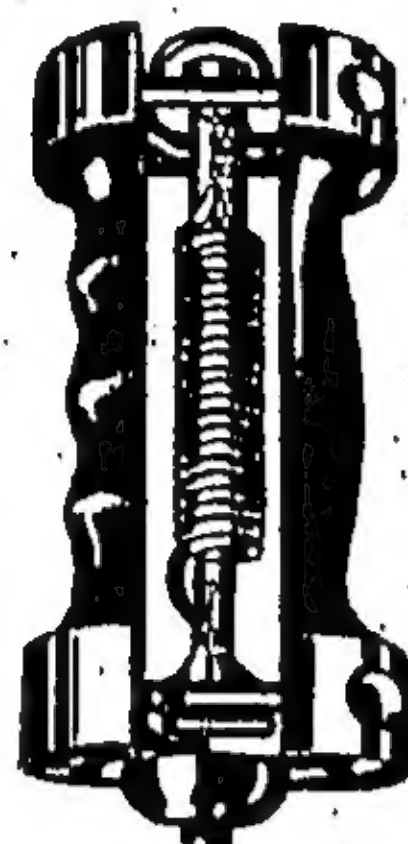
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# THE WORLD OF SPORT



## CRICKET AT THE UNIVERSITIES.

OXFORD WITH A STRONG YOUNG ENTRY.

CAMBRIDGE RICH.

[By P. F. Warner.]

One may hope that this year will see a definite revival in Oxford cricket. Frankly, I am a partisan, for above almost anything in cricket I desire to see Oxford victorious at Lord's. Too long has the older of the two Universities wandered in the wilderness of defeat in cricket as in other games and sports.

The prospects at Oxford this summer are distinctly bright. E. R. T. Holmes, who, like A. H. Evans of old, fought Cambridge almost single-handed last year, has gone down, but there is a large nucleus of old Blues, and there are many capable seniors and a number of promising Freshmen.

M. A. McCanlis is captain, and of the 1927 side J. A. Nunn, A. M. Crawley, P. V. F. Cazale, R. I. F. McIntosh, and A. T. Barber are again in residence, as well as W. N. McBride, of the 1926 XI. A new wicket-keeper will have to be found. Dr. Lomar, J. V. Rowley, and R. L. Sykes are mentioned as candidates for the position, but there are other good wicket-keepers at Oxford.

The best-known of the Seniors are H. M. Garland Wells, C. F. Frazer, and T. B. G. Welch, all of whom played for the University last year. C. M. Melville, C. K. Hill-Wood, C. E. Awdry, N. A. Doggart, and A. S. Bradshaw, and the Freshmen with the brightest reputations are P. G. T. Kingsley (Winchester), R. Eglington (Shrewsbury), J. M. Monkhouse (Rushmore), E. M. Wellings (Cheltenham), R. W. Skene (Sedburgh), W. H. Bradshaw (Malvern), P. H. C. Staples (Shrewsbury), G. T. C. Tucker (Tonbridge), and A. M. Tew (Winchester). From all this material McCanlis should be able to select a good side.

## A Good School Year.

Public School cricket was better last year than in any season since 1919, when, amongst others, G. T. S. Stevens, M. R. Jardine, J. P. Hedges, C. T. Ashton, R. C. Robertson-Glasgow, C. H. Gibson, N. E. Partridge, A. P. F. Chapman, and W. W. Hill-Wood were schoolboys, and report speaks highly of both Kingsley and Eglington as batsmen.

A famous professional who saw Kingsley play in the Eton v. Winchester match was loud in his praise. Kingsley is also a magnificent slip fieldman. He was five years in the Winchester XI—"a Wykehamite record"—Mr. H. S. Altham tells us. Eglington is a sound and attractive player and a fine fielder, who had an average of 54.60 at Sherborne. Monkhouse is said to be "very hard to bowl out, watches the ball well, and plays straight." He is not a "dashing" player, but he is so sound that he is likely to get runs against good bowling.

Wellings was one of the best school cricketers of the year. He averaged 54.27, with a highest score of 86, and took 47 wickets for 20.69 runs each. He bowls right hand, keeps a length, and spins the ball. Skene is a left-handed batsman and bowler. He did extremely well at Lord's last August, scoring 51 not out for The Rest v. the Lord's Schools, and 13 and 78 not out for the Public Schools v. the Army. His defence is watchful and sound, he eschews the off side "it" stroke, so natural to most young left-handers, and he has an old head on his shoulders. His bowling was disappointing at Lord's, but he is the type of cricketer who should be useful in a University side.

Bradshaw is clearly a good all round cricketer, and Staples scored 606 runs with an average of 40.40, and took 32 wickets for 15.96 for Shrewsbury. He has wrists and strokes and bowls fast medium right hand. Tucker was a better slow left-handed bowler in 1926 than last year, but he may come on again, and Tew bowled well for Winchester, taking 39 wickets for 15.66 each. He is very big and strong, and bowls medium right "varying a late swing with an occasional break back."

## Fast Left.

So much for the Freshmen, who seem to possess quite an unusual amount of talent amongst them.

Of the Seniors Hill-Wood will, perhaps, be watched with the most interest. He bowls fast left with plenty of "devil" and pace off the pitch. A nasty bowler on anything like a fiery wicket, he might be useful at the pavilion end at Lord's. I played against him once, at Eton in 1926, and he impressed me with the pace at which he made the ball come with his arm off the ground. Two bowlers, at least, will have to be found to help the three "Mcs"—McCanlis, McIntosh, and McBride.

McBride was unfit last summer, and the brunt of the bowling fell on McCanlis and McIntosh. The former reminds me in his action of J. W. H. T. Douglas, whom he also resembles in his determination and concentration, and McIntosh should develop into a first-class medium paced bowler. He certainly bowled well in the University match.

For many years past Oxford have had a weak fixture list. Apparently the idea was prevalent at Oxford, either that the Counties did not want to play the University, or that the University could not afford to play the Counties. The first idea was entirely wrong. I have never yet heard of a County Eleven that did not enjoy playing at Oxford. Moreover, Oxford is the most famous of all Universities, and its beauty is renowned the world over. May one say, therefore, that it is an education, especially to teams composed largely of professionals who know little or nothing of the University and its life, to visit Oxford.

The second idea was found, on inquiry, to be incorrect. The Counties are not ungenerous. This season there has at last been arranged an excellent list of fixtures, including matches with Lancashire, Kent, Gloucestershire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Glamorganshire, Free Foresters, and West Indies, while Essex, Surrey, M.C.C. and H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI will be met on July 9, 10, and 11.

Oxford men will look to McCanlis to lead with that energy, driving force, and determination with which he plays Rugby, and to inculcate a will to victory.

## Cambridge Captain.

F. J. Seabrook has succeeded E. W. Dawson as captain at Cambridge, and the other Old Blues "up" are M. J. Turnbull, R. W. V. Robins, T. C. Longfield, M. J. C. Allom, E. F. Longrigg, L. G. Irvine. A doubtful starter is K. S. Duleepsinhji. He was ill last summer, and it would be a great pity if he ran any risk by playing before he is quite strong again, or before the weather was warm. Duleepsinhji is a magnificent batsman with, if he regains his health, a great future before him.

Seldom have there been so many good Seniors. J. T. Morgan, N. G. Wykes, who made 145 not out v. The Army, and 162 for Essex v. Kent, E. T. Killick, of whom Middlesex cricketers think so well, W. G. Morgan, J. R. Mann, S. A. Block, G. Carnegie-Brown, F. M. S. Tegner, G. L. O'Jessop, a son of "the Human Catapult," who, according to an American bard of days gone by, "wrecks the roofs of distant towns when set in his assault," are all probables or possibles as batsmen, while E. D. Blundell, fast, and K. Wilkinson both played for the University last season as bowlers.

## Freshmen of Mark.

The Freshmen include A. C. L. Wills (Harrow), who has had some experience with Northamptonshire; G. N. Capel-Cure, who had an average of 42 for Eton; Hon. R. H. Frankland, who struck H. S. Altham as "a definitely good player, quick on his feet, and playing his strokes naturally and with decision"; B. H. Valentine, who made 60 for Kent v. Yorkshire at Tonbridge last June, and in doing so greatly impressed the Yorkshire bowlers, of whom, alas! poor Kilner is no more. In addition, Halliburton, one of the best school cricketers of last season, have sent up F. M. Heywood, who has already distinguished himself in Rugby, while from Uppingham comes A. F. R. Jarrett.

Heywood, like Skene, of Oxford, did well at Lord's taking four wickets for 6 runs for the Lord's Schools v. the Rest, getting out the first four batsmen, F. G. T. Kingsley and L. D. K. Fleming, the Hobbs and Sandham, of Winchester, and R. Eglington and D. N. Moore, the crack batsmen at Shrewsbury and Shrewsbury. For the Public Schools against the Army he took four wickets for 70 runs in the Army's first innings. In

## SOVIET ON ITS FUTURE.

INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM INDICIMENT.

## FRANK CONFESSION.

Geneva, Apr. 26.

The report on industrial and labour conditions in Soviet Russia, recently issued by the Soviet authorities, and now in part published by the International Labour Office at Geneva, is a striking and even entertaining self-confession of failure.

The report is based on the joint deliberations of the Soviet Supreme Economic Council, which is responsible for the management of State industry in Russia, and the Trade Union Council of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

State industry in Russia swallows enormous sums of the Treasury every year; in fact, about one-quarter of the entire Budget of the Soviet Union.

M. Kubyshov, President of the Supreme Economic Council, frankly confesses that industrial undertakings frequently draw up their plans with estimates of their own available resources deliberately insufficient with a view to obtaining money from the Treasury to begin with, and with the intention of calling upon the Treasury for still further doles at a later date.

He further accuses the present system of muddle, confusion, and waste. Very frequently machinery for new concerns is delivered long before the factories have been erected, and is consequently left lying about till it becomes fit only for the scrapheap.

## Empty Buildings.

In other cases, buildings are constructed months before the machinery and necessary plant for manufacturing purposes arrive, and remain empty and unproductive for long periods on end.

The building operations themselves are carried on in a careless and dilatory manner, causing considerable waste. Undertakings that should normally be finished within one to two years are rarely completed even after three years. In some cases, new factory buildings have had to be partly pulled down or otherwise altered because the plans had omitted certain necessary technical requirements or because the safety of the workers had not been taken into consideration.

Rationalisation, as applied in Soviet Russia, has resulted in increased unemployment, and neither the Trade Unions, nor the State Management of Industry know what to do with the workers dismissed, who experience great difficulty in obtaining other employment under the present system.

The Soviet Trade Unions do not escape this scathing indictment. They are judged and condemned out of the mouth of their own chief leader.

M. Tomsky, who is president of the Soviet Trade Union Council, declares that the present state of affairs is mostly due to the Trade Unions themselves, inasmuch as they do not show sufficient interest in the grave problems of the day, and endorse the plans of the management without discussion.

On the arrival of the s.s. Kinshan from Canton yesterday afternoon, it was reported that Captain Bell-Smith was seriously sick, the navigation in the latter stages of the voyage having been carried out by Chief Officer, Lieut. Commr. Pritchard, R.N.R. Immediately on arrival, a doctor was called and the owners informed, and subsequently Captain Bell-Smith was removed to his home. Lieut. Commr. Pritchard has been appointed to command temporarily and took the Kinshan out this morning.

His article on Public School Cricket in Wisden's, H. S. Altham says of him: "A school bowler some way above the ordinary." "Looked a definitely good bowler." I shall expect him to make a decided mark in bigger cricket.

Heywood bowls fast medium right, and his best ball goes with his arm. For Halliburton he took 38 wickets for 11.30 apiece. Jarrett—32 wickets for 14.75 each—was the best of the Uppingham bowlers. He is tall and lissom, uses his height and flexibility of wrist well, and is a natural bowler. A new wicket-keeper will be wanted to fill the place of R. S. Machin, who kept so finely in the University match and later for Surrey v. the New Zealanders.

## GREAT SHANGHAI RECOVERY!

HONGKONG CRICKETERS HAVE BIG TASK.

NEED 210 TO WIN.

Shanghai, May 28.

The cricket interport match between Hongkong and Shanghai was continued this morning.

Hongkong innings was resumed by Hancock and Erskine, the score board showing 108 for the loss of eight wickets on Saturday.

The wicket was fast and the weather bright and sunny. The partnership had produced 87 runs when Erskine was brilliantly caught by Divecha off the bowling of Leach. Erskine had scored 46, including a brilliant six to leg off Leach.

When Erskine went to the pavilion the score stood at 175 for 8. Jex joined the captain of the team, who played careful cricket. He gave several chances, however, and was bowled by Isaacs when he had 32 to his credit. Jex was not out with 2, while extras totalled 14.

The score of 180 for the innings gave Hongkong a lead over Shanghai of 66. The Hongkong innings finished at 12.20 p.m.

Shanghai's first innings score has been officially revised and given as 120 instead of 180. Renter says: "It appears that Erskine bowled a no ball, but Quayle hit it for one. The scorers gave one for a no ball and one for a run, hence the extras are 7 and not 8."

Hongkong, in reply to Shanghai's total, made 108 for the loss of eight wickets.

Hancock (not out 7) and Capt. Erskine resumed, and engaged in a probable partnership, passing the Shanghai score without being separated. Batting steadily they took the total to 175 before the ninth wicket fell, Hancock being clean bowled by Isaacs for a splendid 32. Jex, the last man in, kept his end up, allowing Erskine to do the scoring. With the total at 168, Erskine put a ball up to Divecha off Leach which the fieldman held. Erskine batted soundly for his 46, and was top scorer on the Hongkong side. Jex was not out with two to his credit.

## Shanghai Bats Again.

Capt. Barrett altered Shanghai's batting order on going in a second time, the opening batsmen being Melsome and Divecha. Erskine and Munsion took up the attack. The players took no risks, and it was not until Hancock effected a change that the first wicket went down at 20. Hongkong gained further success shortly afterwards, the second wicket falling at 35 and the third at 30. Three good men in Melsome, Divecha and Stokes had been disposed of. With Donald Leach and Quayle together, the score began to mount. Leach was subdued at the start, and took no risks. The score was taken to 82 before Quayle was clean bowled by Erskine. Capt. Barrett filled the vacancy and soon began to get runs. He helped to add an invaluable 47 for the fifth wicket before having his stumps upset by Quick.

## A Great Partnership.

Then began the most profitable partnership of the match. Leach was joined by O'Hara and they began to make merry at the expense of the Hongkong bowling. They were together for about two hours, the Doctor scoring freely with some good shots all round the wicket. Leach continued to bat steadily and brought off some attractive shots. They took the score from 129 to 248 before Leach was well taken by Munsion off Erskine. His contribution to the total was 80.

Palmer did not last long, Erskine, who was breaking in from the leg, upsetting his stumps with the first ball he received. With Freshwater in O'Hara continued to hit out with delightful freedom and was frequently applauded for some fine boundary shots. Freshwater left at 238, and then Barnes held his end up whilst O'Hara took the score to 275. He was within four of his century, when he touched a ball which Hancock caught in the slips off Munsion. The Doctor was loudly applauded on returning to the pavilion.

Four more were added before Isaacs was caught by Hayward off Erskine's bowling, the innings closing at 279, leaving Hongkong 223 to win.

## Erskine Bowls Well.

Erskine was the most successful bowler, securing five of the wickets. He bowled 27 overs and had 87 runs knocked off him. Reynolds secured two wickets cheaply early in the innings but met with no success later. These cost him 85 runs. Quick was credited with one for 37 and Munsion had one for 77. Owen Hughes bowled five overs without taking a wicket.

Hongkong had a quarter of an hour's batting before stumps were drawn and scored 13 without loss. Hayward and Finch opened the innings and scored six each, the other being an extra. Hongkong, with all their wickets in hand, now require 210 to win.

## Scores:

Shanghai—1st Innings.	
D. W. Leach, c and b Erskine	15
M. J. Divecha, c Jex, b Munsion	5
Capt. E. L. M. Barrett, c Jex, b Erskine	25
Lt. Melsome, c Jex, b Reynolds	37
Lt. F. Stokes, b Munsion	11
J. A. Quayle, c Hancock, b Erskine	11
W. Palmer, c Jex, b Erskine	10
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, not out	10
Sgt. Freshwater, c Hancock, b Munsion	7
J. A. Isaacs, c Hayward, b Munsion	0

## THE EX-KAISER'S RETURN.

OBJECT OF THE OCEAN FLIGHT?

A BERLIN REPORT.

Washington, Apr. 26.

The Berlin correspondent of an American newspaper syndicate sends a despatch to the effect that the chief purpose of Baron Huenfeld's flight in the monoplane Bremen "was to secure American approval for the return of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm to Germany," one of Huenfeld's intimate friends being given as authority.

Baron Huenfeld believes, the correspondent continues, that "Americans should not oppose Wilhelm's return if this is desired by the majority of the German people."

He hopes to convince Americans that the majority of Germans wish the return of the Hohenzollern family, and that American money-givers have no reason to oppose the family's return.

If the former Kaiser himself cannot reign then a Regency headed by the Crown Prince would be acceptable to Germans.

If the despatch has any more foundation than the lurid imagination of an impressionable correspondent, it simply proves that German understanding of the psychology of other people is as profound under the Reich as it was in the days of the Empire, and ignorance of foreign psychology was expensive to the former Kaiser.

## Surprise in Store.

Americans are keen sportsmen and always give a generous welcome to a man who breaks a record, whether on land or sea, but they do not mix their sports and politics.

If Baron Huenfeld really believes that any sentiment exists in America for the return of the Hohenzollern family he will quickly discover his mistake when he talks practical politics, nor is he likely to get far when he attempts to extract hard cash from the pockets of "American moneygivers." They are not opening their pocketbooks for that sort of enterprise.

Germans are not unwelcome in America, but should they be so tactless as to talk about the ex-Kaiser or ex-Crown Prince they will be apt to meet with a very frigid reception.

E. G. Barnes, run out	0
Extras	7
Total	129
Fall of wickets: 1 for 20, 2-20, 3-33, 4-75, 5-95, 6-98, 7-100, 8-118, 9-121, 10-129.	

## Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Capt. Erskine	22 8 35 4
Lt. Munsion	19 5 42 4
Capt. Reynolds	7 2 22 1
Rev. E. K. Quick	9 1 23 -
Hongkong—1st Innings.	
A. W. Hayward, c and b O'Hara	42
E. C. Finch, b Isaacs	8
Rev. E. K. Quick, b O'Hara	4
Capt. A. N. Reynolds, c Freshwater, b Isaacs	6
Lt. Munsion, c and b Leach	8
Owen Hughes, c Palmer, b O'Hara	11
A. W. Ramsey, b Leach	6
H. R. B. Hancock, b Isaacs	32
G. R. Sayer, b Isaacs	7
Capt. Erskine, c Divecha, b Leach	46
S. Jex, not out	2
Extras	14
Total	180

Fall of wickets: 1 for 25, 2-38, 3-47, 4-71, 5-75, 6-94, 7-94, 8-108, 9-175, 10-180.

## Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Isaacs	31 1 9 4 4
Freshwater	13 4 16 -
O'Hara	30 17 41 3
Leach	18 6 51 8

## Shanghai—2nd Innings.

Lt. Melsome, b Reynolds	19
M. J. Divecha, run out	7
Lt. F. Stokes, b Reynolds	8
D. W. Leach, c Munsion, b Erskine	30
A. Quayle, b Erskine	24
Capt. Barrett, b Quick	20
Dr. O'Hara, c Erskine, b Munsion	96
W. Palmer, b Hancock	0
Sgt. Freshwater, c Hayward, b Erskine	11
Erskine	11
E. G. Barnes, not out	1
J. A. Isaacs, c Hayward, b Erskine	0
Extras	18
Total	270

Fall of wickets: 1 for 10, 2-35, 3-30, 4-82, 5-129, 6-248, 7-248, 8-239, 9-275, 10-270.

## Bowling Analysis.

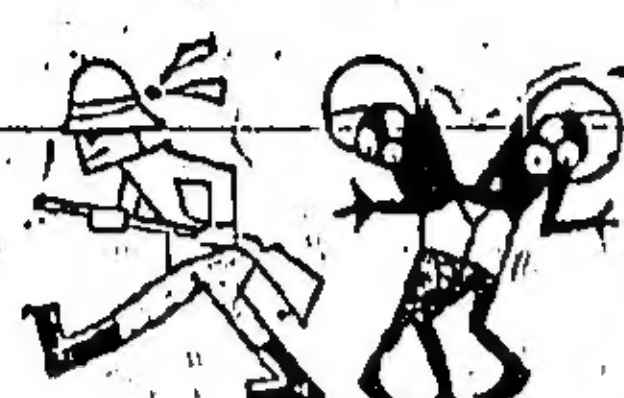
O. M. R. W.	
Capt. Erskine	27 2 87 5
Lt. Munsion	22 1 77 1
Capt. Reynolds	15 8 35 2
Rev. E. K. Quick	15 8 37 1
H. Owen Hughes	5 - 25 -
Hongkong—2nd Innings.	
A. W. Hayward, not out	8
E. C. Finch, not out	8
Extra	1
Total (for no wkt.)	18







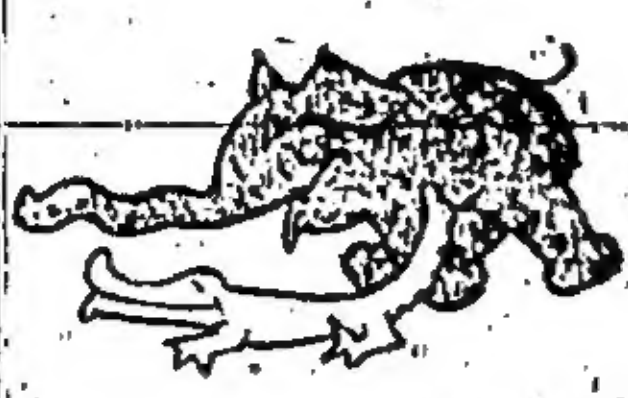
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#### "SHOVING QUEER" AT SHAUKIWAN.

After a long period of waiting, the Shaikwan (Shaikwan) Police have been able to effect the arrest of a man who has been flooding the district with bad money. The arrest has cut short a career, which, according to a Police statement, appears to have been confined to the circulation of spurious coins.

The hawkers and shopkeepers of the district for some time past had been complaining to the local police station that they had unwittingly accepted bad money from a customer, who common reports agreed to be one and the same individual, although he never operated in the same place more than once.

It was also generally agreed that his favourite practice was to hand in a bad twenty-cent piece when buying a packet of cheap cigarettes and to obtain the balance in good ten-cent pieces or in copper cents from his victims.

Playing the trick once too often, he was caught during the week-end.

In this case, it was a money-changer who was responsible for the arrest. Warned of the man's activities, the money-changer immediately detected the fraud when the man appeared at his counter. He tested a number of twenty-cent pieces which were tendered to him.

No fewer than 171 bad coins were found on the defendant, while a search made of a basket disclosed further evidence of the extensive nature of the man's operations. A large number of copper coins and packages of cigarettes which were also found in the basket told their own tale, stated the Police.

Lt. Col. Eaves, D.S.O., before whom the man was charged yesterday, observed that he must make an example of "a person earning his living by doing that sort of thing." His Worship sent the man to prison for twelve months with hard labour.

### MORE CAR TOUTS.

#### POLICE CAMPAIGN AT WEST POINT.

There was a renewal of the police campaign against motor-car tout in the restaurant quarter during the week-end, a number of the offenders being arrested and subsequently fined when brought before the Magistrate.

In one case the defendant pleaded that falling eye-sight had forced upon him a change of occupation, and from being an electrician he was now compelled to make a living by toutting for a driver.

The Magistrate (Lt. Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O.) who heard the case yesterday morning, enquired if the man's story was true and if he could pay a fine if one was imposed.

On being informed by the prosecuting police officer that in all probability the person who employed the defendant would pay the fine on his behalf, his Worship inflicted a fine of \$5, but gave the defendant a month in which to pay it.

#### Washer, not Tent.

Another Chinese, who was charged before the same Magistrate with a similar offence, was at pains to draw a distinction between the work of a car-tout and that of a mere motor-car washer in which better capacity he claimed he was.

A European Police Sergeant said he saw the defendant approach a passer-by and make a gesture towards a waiting public car.

His Worship: What did I find the last man?

The prosecuting Police officer: Your worship fined him \$5 and gave him a month in which to pay.

His Worship said he would inflict the same penalty—a \$5 fine and a month in which to pay.

Of a third man who was similarly charged, it was stated that he was seen to approach a party who were coming out of the Lee Theatre and to lead them to a waiting public car. He was well-known to the police as a persistent tout.

Defendant said it was a case of mistaken identity. He explained that he had placed himself too near the actual culprit and, in the crowd, was wrongly picked out.

An opportunity was given to defendant to bring a witness in order to bear out his story. He was remanded until this morning.

### "ITALIA" MYSTERY.

#### ALLEGED S.O.S. PICKED UP.

San Francisco, May 28. A wireless message, presumed to be from the "Italia" was picked up here and at Portland between five and 7.40 yesterday morning, as follows: "S. O. S. Dirigible 'Italia' with Noble in disaster. Dirigible equipped wireless on wave length 40/45 metres. Please help immediately."—*Reuter's American Service.*

#### Still no News.

King's Bay, May 28. There was still no news of the "Italia" at midday. The wireless

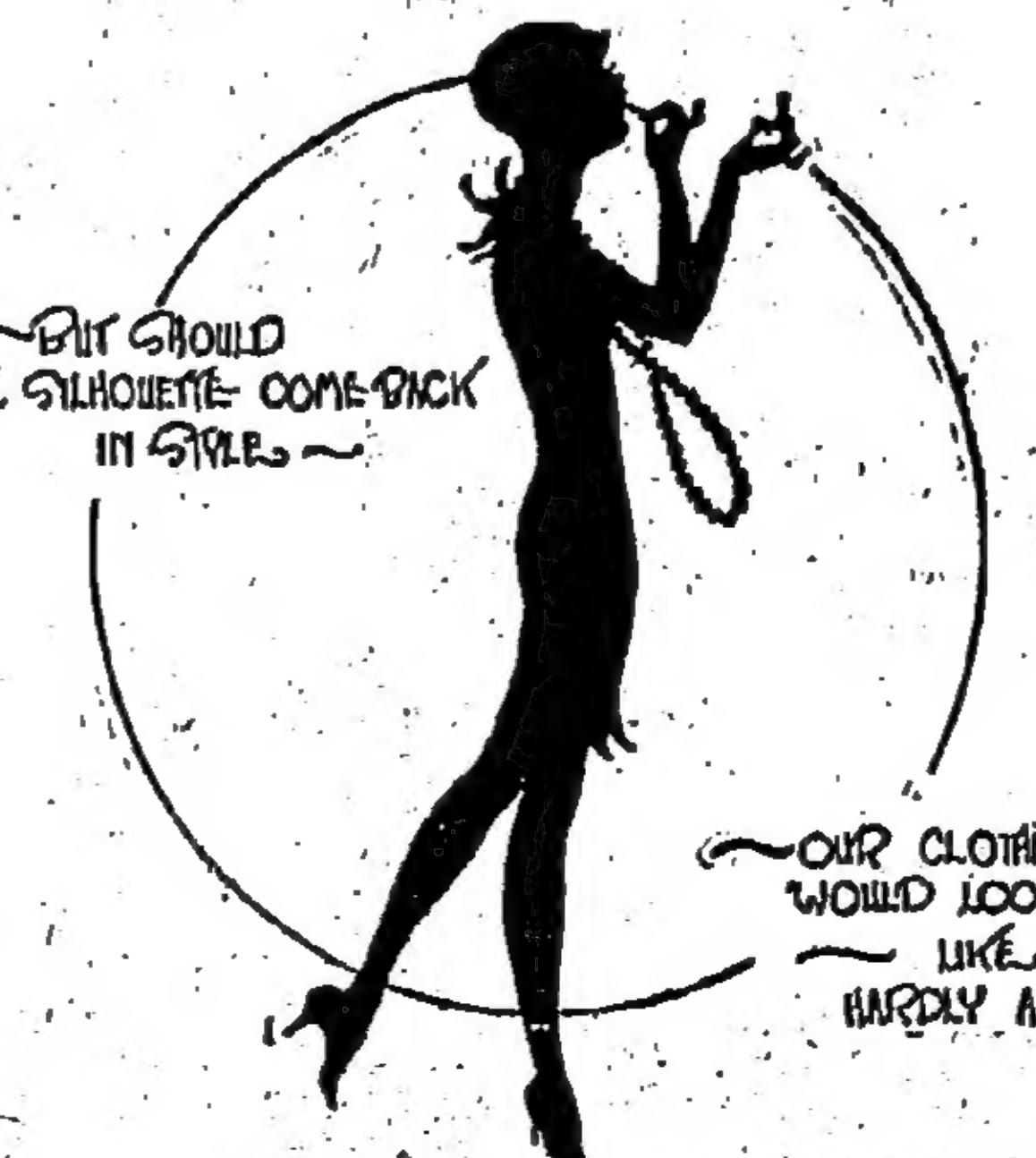
station here is continually communicating with the Citta di Milano, the parentship of the "Italia."—*Reuter.*

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## CHAPTER XLVIII.

Sally, crouching on the floor of her room, spread the crumpled sheets of The Capital City Press, her eyes devouring the two-column picture of David Nash. Two lines of type above the photograph leaped out at her:

"Honour graduate of A. & M. inherits grandfather's farm."  
He hadn't been injured or killed in an accident, he wasn't married! In a frenzy of relief and gratitude to the God she had just been accusing of deserting her, Sally Barr, who had been Sally Ford, bent her head until her lips rested on the lips of the photograph. And it was rather a pity that Arthur Van Horne, "connoisseur of kissing," was not there to see the passionate fervour of the kisses which the girl whom he had dismissed contemptuously was raining upon an unresponsive newspaper picture.

When at last she was calmer she read the short item through. It was the last paragraph that brought her to her feet, her slight body electric with sudden determination:

"Young Nash is living alone in the fine old farmhouse, and apparently is as capable in the kitchen as on the seat of a cultivator. He says his whole heart is in scientific farming, and that his only sweetheart is 'Sally,' a blue-ribbon heifer which he is grooming to break the world's butter-fat production record."

"David! Darling David!" She was laughing and crying at the same time. "He hasn't changed! He hasn't forgotten that we're half-married!"

Jerking open a drawer of her dressing table she caught sight of her face in the mirror, and her eyes widened with delighted surprise. Gone was the pinched, white, shame-stricken face, and in its place was beauty such as she had never dreamed she possessed. She turned away from the mirror, tremulous and abashed, for what she had to do would be easy. Her eyes tried to avoid the exquisite photograph of her mother that stood in its blue leather frame on the dressing table but at last she snatched it up and carried it against her breast as she ran to her desk.

She felt that she was talking to Enid as she wrote, pleading for understanding and forgiveness from those dreaming, misty, corn-flower-blue eyes:

"Mother, darling: I'm running away to go to David. Please don't try to stop me or bring me back, for I'll have to run away again if you do. I'm going to marry David because I love him with all my heart and because he is the only man I could ever marry without causing you shame. He already knows the truth, and it made no difference in his love for me. You know how it was with Grant Proctor. You said yourself that if I told him, he would not want to marry me. And I could never marry a man without first telling him the truth. Arthur Van Horne knew and wanted me to be his mistress. He told me to-day. He did not think I was good enough to be his wife. It would always be the same. And so I am going to David, who knows and loves me anyway."

"Oh, Mother, forgive me for hurting you like this! But don't you see that I would hurt you more by staying? After a while you would be ashamed of me because I could not marry. I would humiliate you in the eyes of your friends. And I could not be happy ever, away from David. I wanted to die after Arthur Van Horne told me to-day what he really wanted of me, but now I know I want to live with David. Please, Mother, don't think my love for you—"

She could write no more just then. Laying her hot cheek against the cold glass of the framed photograph of her mother she sobbed so loudly, so heart-brokenly that she did not hear a knock upon the door, did not know her grief was being witnessed until she felt a hand upon her shoulder.

"Sally, darling! What in the world is the matter?" It was Enid Barr's tender, throaty contralto.

Sally sprang to her feet, her eyes wild with fear, her mother's picture still tightly clutched in her

hands. "I—I was writing you a letter!" she gasped. "I—I—"

"Perhaps I'd better read it now," Enid said in an odd voice, and reached for the scattered sheets of pale grey newspaper on the desk.

Sally wavered to a chair and dropped into it, too dazed with despair to think coherently. She could not bear to look at her mother for she knew now how cowardly she had been, how abysmally selfish.

Her flaming face was hidden by her hands when, after what seemed many long minutes, she heard her mother's voice again:

"Poor little Sally! You couldn't trust me? You'd have run away—like that? Without giving me a chance to prove my love for you?"

Sally dropped her hands and stared stupidly at her mother. Enid was coming toward her, the newspaper with David's picture in it rustling against the crisp taffeta of her bouffant skirt. And on Enid's face was an expression of such sorrowful but loving reproach that Sally burst into wild weeping.

"Poor little darling!" Enid dropped to her knees beside Sally's chair and took the girl's cold, shivering hands in hers. "We all make mistakes, Sally. I've made more than my share. Maybe I'm getting old enough now to have a little wisdom. And I want to keep you from making a mistake that would cause both of us—and Court—untold sorrow."

"But I love David and I shan't love anyone else," Sally sobbed, though she knew her resistance was broken.

"I'm forced to believe that now, darling," Enid said gently. "And I shall not stand in the way of your happiness with him. That is not the mistake I meant."

"You mean that you'll let me marry him?" Sally cried incredulously. "Oh, Mother! I love you so!"

"And I love you, Sally." Enid's voice broke and she cuddled Sally's cold hands against the velvet warmth of her own throat. "Your mistake would have been to run away to marry David. You have a mother and a father now, Sally. You're no longer a girl alone, as David called you. You have a place in society as our daughter, whether you want it or not. If David wants to marry you, he must come here to do so, must marry you with our consent and our blessing."

"But—" Sally's joy suddenly turned to despair again. "He wouldn't marry a girl with a fortune. He told me so when he was here."

"That was when he was penniless himself," Enid pointed out. "I've just read this newspaper story about his inheriting his grandfather's farm. It's a small fortune in itself, and since there's no immediate danger of your inheriting either my money or Court's, I don't believe he will let your prospective wealth stand in the way—if he loves you."

"Oh, he does!" Sally laughed through her tears. "Look!" She snatched the newspaper from the floor and pointed to the last paragraph of the story about David.

"He named his prize heifer after me! It says here his only sweetheart is 'Sally'! Oh, Mother, I didn't know anyone could live through such misery and such happiness as I felt to-day! I wanted to kill myself after Van—Oh!"

"Tell me just exactly what he said to you!" Enid commanded, her lovely voice sharpened with anger and fear.

When Sally had repeated the contemptuous, sneering speech as accurately as possible, her mother's face, which had been almost ugly with anger and disgust, cleared miraculously.

"The man is an unspeakable cad, darling, but I am almost glad it happened, since you escaped us again. I'm sure of it! He's not quite low enough to gossip about me to my friends. It is evident that he planned all along to use his knowledge as a club to force you to submit to his desires. And now that he doesn't want you any more, he will lose interest in the whole subject. I've known Van nearly all my life and I've never known him to act the cad before. He's probably despising himself, now that his fever has cooled. If you marry David, with our consent, he'll pro-

bably turn up at your wedding and offer sincere congratulations with a whispered reassurance as to his ability to keep our secret."

"When I marry David, not if!" Sally cried exultantly, flinging her arms about her mother's neck. "Oh, I'm so glad I have a mother!"

"Don't strangle me!" Enid laughed. "Leave me strength to write a proposal of marriage to this cocksure young farmer who brags that he is as capable in the kitchen as on the seat of a cultivator!"

"He can't cook half as well as I can!" Sally scoffed. "You ought to taste one of my apple pies! He can play nurse to his blue-ribbon stock all he wants to, but he's got to let me do the cooking! And, Mother, you'll tell him how much I love him, won't you? And—and you might remind him that we only need half a marriage ceremony—the last half. Wouldn't it be fun if we could go back to Canfield and let the marrying parson finish the job?"

"Don't be too confident!" Enid warned her. "He may refuse you!" But at sight of Sally's dismay she relented. "I know he loves you, darling. Don't worry. If I were you I'd get busy immediately on a trousseau."

"One dozen kitchen aprons will top the list," Sally laughed.

Four days later the second telegram that Sally had received from David arrived: "Cutting next train East, darling. Happiest man in the world. Can we be married day I arrive? Am wiring your blessed mother also. I'll be loving you always, David."

"Of course you can't be married the day he arrives!" Enid exclaimed indignantly when Sally showed her the telegram. "I'm going to give you a real wedding. I think the children are right, Enid. Courtney Barr unexpectedly championed Sally in her protest. A quiet, impromptu wedding, by all means. Our announcement to the papers will indicate that we approve, and since the boy is unknown in New York and Sally has only just been introduced, I think the less fuss the better."

Sally kissed him impulsively, aware, though the knowledge did not hurt her, that he liked her better now that she was to leave his home, than he had ever liked her.

David arrived on Monday, and was guest of honour that night at a small party of Enid's and Sally's most intimate friends, at which time announcement of the forthcoming marriage was made. They remembered having seen him briefly at Sally's coming-out party and so handsome he was, so much at ease, now that he was to be married to the girl he loved, that it occurred to none of Enid's guests to question his eligibility.

Sally, sitting proudly beside him, looked happily from her mother to David, knew that in gaining a husband she was not losing a mother, as she would have done if Enid had not interrupted the writing of that terrible letter.

On Tuesday Sally and David, accompanied by Enid and Courtney Barr, went to the municipal building for the marriage license, and the afternoon papers carried the news on the front pages, under such headlines as: "Popular Deb to Marry Rich Farmer." But in all the stories there was no hint of scandal, no reportorial prying into the "past" of the adopted daughter of the rich and prominent Courtney Barrs.

The wedding took place on Wednesday, in the drawing-room of the Barrs' Fifth Avenue mansion, and the next morning, in his account of the "very quiet" wedding, a society editor commented: "The ceremony was read by the Reverend Horace Greer, of Canfield, the choice of celebrant being dictated by unexplained sentiment."

What the society editor did not know was that "the marrying parson" of Canfield spoke only the last half of the marriage service, beginning where he had been interrupted nearly three years before.

Sally and David were no longer "half married."

THE END.

## CENTENARY OF THE ZOO.

## ROMANTIC STORY OF ITS GROWTH.

A hundred years ago to-day the first public visitor entered the Zoological Gardens by way of the rustic gate and lodge that did duty for the main entrance, with intent to visit the "Menagerie," a collection of about two hundred animals.

Then, as now, the public paid an entrance fee of 1s., but could only be admitted providing they presented, along with the fee, a voucher signed by a Fellow of the Society.

The extent of the Gardens was about seven or eight acres, or a quarter their present size, and they did not extend over the Outer Circle, or Public Drive as it was then called, nor over the Regent's Canal on to the North bank, where the pleasant and Rodent House now are, but were limited to a small triangular area on the south side of the Circle.

Supposing there were anyone still alive who visited the Gardens in those early days the only things that could be recognised would be the Camel's House, then used for the Llamas, and the Ravens' Aviary, formerly the cage for the South American Macaws. The Bear Pit, the Pelicans' Enclosures, and the Eastern and Great Aviaries, still occupy approximately the same spots, but have been altered and improved out of all recognition.

## The Death of Tommy.

The idea of founding a Zoological Society in London seems to have originated with Sir Stamford Raffles, Lieutenant-Governor of Java, who, as early as 1816 meditated the founding of a Society on the principle of the Jardin des Plantes, his dream becoming a reality in 1826.

The Society's first Office was at 4, Regent-street, and the first living creatures it possessed were a griffin, vulture, a white-headed eagle, and a deer from Saugor. Later the Society migrated to 33, Bruton-street, and here it was that a Wanderoo monkey, with mischievous irreverence, snatched the powdered wig from the sacred head of a bishop and placed it upon his own ridiculous little poll.

It was not until 1829 that the serious development of the Gardens was begun, more land then being acquired and the tunnel built to connect the two gardens.

The collection of animals was greatly augmented in 1830 by the addition of the Menagerie from Windsor Park, presented by the Society's new patron, King William IV. This gift included wapiti, zebras, goats, kangaroos, a wild boar, and a peccary, as well as widow birds, crowned cranes, and many other animals and birds. During the following year his Majesty followed up this gift by the presentation of all the animals from the Tower.

## The First Rhinoceros.

The first rhinoceros to be exhibited hailed from India and cost the Society £1,050. This was in 1834, and the following year London was on tiptoe with excitement over the arrival of "Tommy," a chimpanzee from Gambia, the first anthropoid to be exhibited.

Tommy was landed at Bristol, and how to get him to London was a problem. Stage coach proprietors naturally objected to such a passenger, but at last two inside seats were secured in a night coach for him and his attendant, and he arrived in high spirits. His popularity was immense, but poor Tommy lived only six months, and spent the last few weeks of his life sitting beside the kitchen fire, his head on his hand, pensively watching the joints revolving on their spits or gazing with melancholy eyes into the dancing flames.

Fifteen years after "Tommy's" arrival came the first hippopotamus, which later was provided with a mate, and the pair presented the gratified Society with a fine healthy girl baby, misnamed "Guy Fawkes," because she arrived on November 5. She lived for over thirty years. Little "Jimmy," who appeared in 1926, is the only other hippo that has been reared in the Gardens.

Elephants had been in the Gardens as early as 1831, but the most famous of them all, "Jumbo," the first African elephant ever seen in this country, did not arrive until 1865. His fame spread throughout the length and breadth of the land, and great was the outcry from young and old when he was sold to Mr. Barnum in 1882. Poor Jumbo was taken to New York, but was killed on the railway three years later.

The collection of animals was gradually added to until, at the end of last year, they totalled 3,772, excluding fishes and insects, the biggest number ever attained. The centenary celebrations are being held next year, as 1829 was the year in which George IV. granted the Zoological Society its charter.

## A NEW JAPANESE WARNING.

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the Chihli front via the Lunghai Railway in Honan. From Shensi the Marshal will proceed to the front by rail. Generals Ho Ching-jui, Fang Pan-jen, and other officers of the Army Headquarters are to accompany the Marshal.

General Tan Yen-kai, Chairman of the Nationalist Government, returned to Nanking from Shantung yesterday and made a report at the Political Council meeting on the result of his discussion with Marshal Chiang in Yenchow. General Tan reports that while Marshal Chiang is at the front directing the campaign on Peking and Tientsin, military affairs in Shantung will be entrusted to General Chu Pei-teh.

## Severe Fighting.

A Taiyuan telegram states that a Shansi cavalry contingent has captured Hsuanfa, but the main Fengtien forces there have since made a counter-attack, severe fighting being still in progress.

## Chen Chien Dismissed.

Although the Nanking Nationalists' attitude towards the "Kwangsi Clique" in Hankow is very doubtful, they have approved General Li Chung-ye's recent extraordinary action in disarming and arresting General Chen Chien. This approval is given in order to encourage the Hankow faction to send forces to join the Northern expedition.

A mandate was issued by the Nationalist Government yesterday dismissing General Chen Chien, at the same time ordering that the Hupeh and Hunan Political Committee should be abolished.

The Nationalist Government has appointed General Shi Ching-tang, a follower of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, as acting Chairman of the Shantung Provincial Government.—Nam Chung Pao.

## Feng's Suggestion.

Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, the "Christian General," has wired to Chang Tso-lin declaring that peace can only be arranged if the Fengtien Army is withdrawn to Manchuria, and if Chang Tso-lin is prepared to declare complete obedience to the Nationalist Government.

## Hankow Declaration.

General Li Chung-ye, the Hupeh and Hunan leader, who recently disarmed and held General Chen Chien a prisoner, in a circular telegram states he is making all preparations to send all the available troops in Hunan and Hupeh to the Peking-Hankow line.

General Li Chung-ye emphasises that all military leaders in Hunan and Hupeh will remain loyal to Marshal Chiang Kalshek.

## Commissioner Returns.

Tokyo, May 28. The Foreign Office Commissioner has just returned from Shantung and it is understood that the official explanation of the Tsinan incident, based on his findings, will be drawn up and cabled to the League of Nations shortly.—Reuter.

## Shanghai, May 28.

The Shanai forces claim to have captured Kalgan on the 25th inst.—Reuter.

## Japanese Threaten Reprisals.

Tokyo, May 28 (7.55 p.m.). The War Office reports that as the result of a Manchurian bandit raid across the Korean frontier in the neighbourhood of Chukochin and Manpo-chin, Upper Yalu, involving the capture of a Japanese subaltern also several casualties among the Japanese Garrison, the headquarters at Ryuzan has dispatched a battalion to the scene of the outrage as a precaution against further trouble.

At the same time a strong protest has been lodged with the local Chinese authorities demanding that immediate steps be taken to rescue the officer, otherwise Japanese troops will be compelled to take whatever action they may consider necessary to effect the rescue.

In the meantime two infantry battalions, a machine gun unit and some guns are being held in readiness to proceed to the scene in case of necessity.—Reuter.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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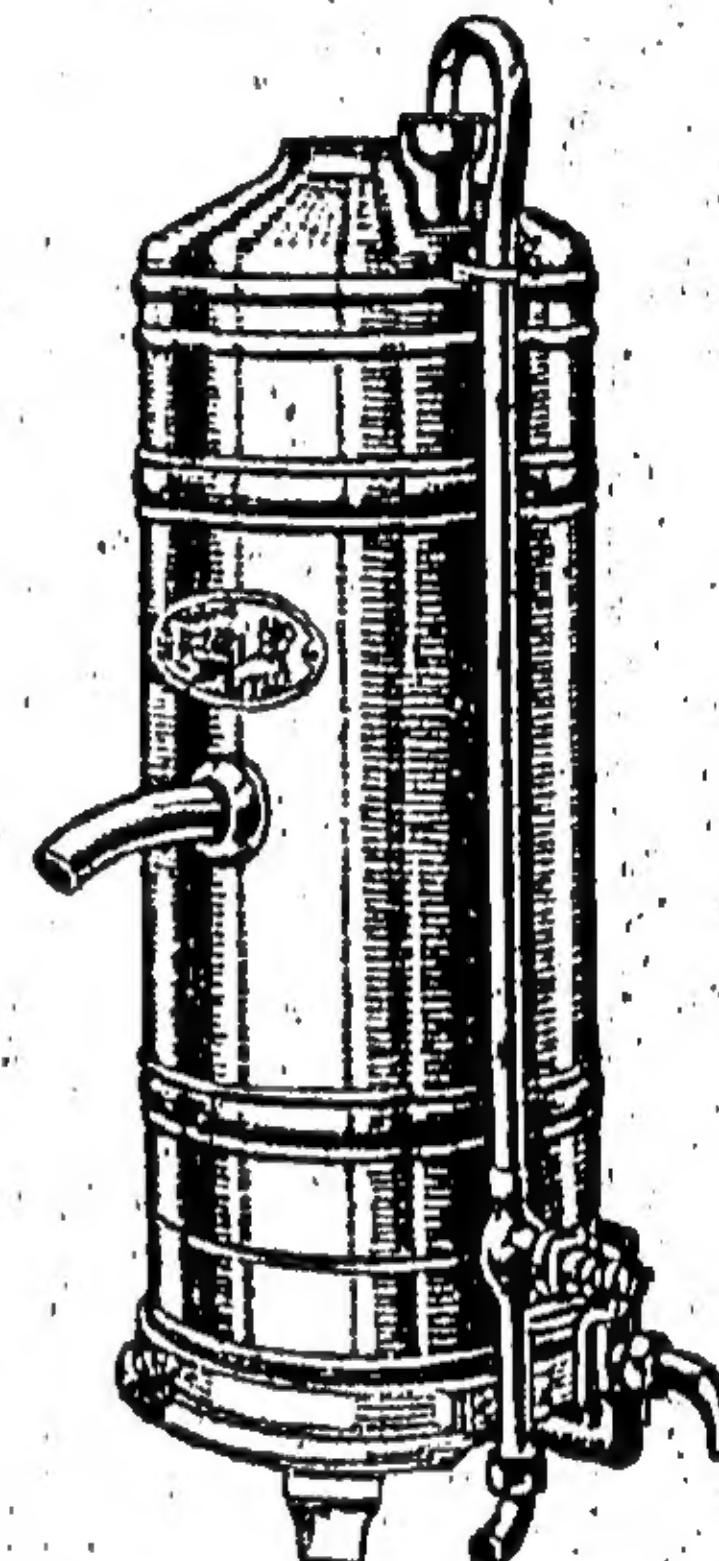
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Simpson, a former boxer, with a carving fork at East Ham.

Mr. Percival Clarke, prosecuting, stated that Watts was a menace and a pest. Detective Inspector Lawrence stated that Watts had been convicted, among other things, for wounding a man by hitting him on the head with a bottle, assaulting an omnibus conductor, assaulting the police, and kicking a woman. There were four other cases where Watts had attacked men,

two of whom were beaten, but the victims would not proceed against him through fear of him and his associates.

At one time, he stated, Watts was a member of the gangs that assaulted book-makers who declined to pay money when black-mailed, but since the gangs had been broken up he had inspired terror among inoffensive people.

During the trial a witness had been seriously injured by an associate of Watts.



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DARING, PIRATICAL  
ATTACK.

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tory of the latest piracy. Mr. Forster, it will be remembered, was in his cabin when a pirate entered. Somewhat foolishly he aimed a kick at the pirate thereby knocking him away from him. Following on this there was a commotion and Mr. Forster ran out of his cabin followed by a number of pirates who fired at him a number of times, but none of the bullets took effect.

## Chief Pirate's Grief.

It was Mr. Forster, also who woke up Mr. Thompson and the chief engineer while they were sleeping on the poop-deck. For several minutes after that Mr. Forster was engaged in dodging the pirates. They thought he had run to the bridge, and one of them took a pot-shot at a figure which he saw running across the bridge. The bullet pierced the man's heart. When they turned him over on his face it was discovered that he was one of their fellows. He was no other than a younger brother of the pirate chief. It was the pirate chief who first made the discovery as he turned the corpse on its side. Overwhelmed by grief he cried out "My brother, my brother."

He flung his revolver away with a dramatic gesture, vowing within the hearing of the officers that he would never pirate another ship again. It was Heaven's retribution, he cried.

Then the purpose of the coffin mentioned in Mr. Thompson's earlier narrative was revealed. The corpse was placed in the coffin and was still on the Tean when the ship arrived in Hongkong.

At Bias Bay, as the two lifeboats were making for the shore, those watching from the Tean through telescopes noticed that the boat in which Mr. Forster was, was in difficulties. Though he had not expressed that much the pirate chief who had become extremely moody and had apparently brooded much over the death of his brother had wanted to kill Mr. Forster, whom he apparently looked upon as being responsible for the tragedy. He had detailed a man, the same individual who had fired the fatal shot, to keep a special watch on Mr. Forster. The individual had placed himself near Mr. Forster's person in the boat and when the boat, through the action of the waves, was breaking up against the rocky shore, he pulled out a revolver and fired at the unfortunate officer. Mr. Forster had, by this time, clambered on to a boulder but dropped back into the water on being fired at and swam back towards the ship.

## Narrow Escape.

When the pirates were forced to flee inland Mr. Forster found himself forgotten and he swam back to the shore to be later taken back to the Tean by the rescue parties. While he was in the water a large number of shots were fired at him but missed. His legs, however, were badly cut from contact with the barnacles on the rocks.

While being pursued by the rescue parties the pirates were forced not only to leave their prisoners behind but also to drop some of the loot. It was stated that nearly £2,000 was recovered in this way, but what was left for the pirates represented a fairly good haul, about \$12,000.

One of the passengers was Tsai Ting-kai, who was described as the general officer in the army which is in occupation of Hainan. This of-

floor was on his way back to Canton and occupied a first-class berth. He was not in his cabin when the pirates entered it but they sensed the possibilities of a good find when they discovered his insignia on a coat which was left hanging in his cabin. Meeting what they took to be a saloon boy at the doorway of the cabin they asked him to lead them to where the officer was. The "boy" with a great deal of alacrity complied with the request. He took one of the pirates on to the deck but managed to give him the slip, returning later to hide in the coal-bunkers.

He was safe in this place of refuge and when the ship was finally released from the hands of the pirates he told the officers how he exercised a little strategem and saved his life. He said he was no other than the officer for whom the pirates were looking.

## PURSUIT DESCRIBED.

## Watchman Gives the Alarm.

The vigilance of a watchman stationed on a hill near Bias Bay and Sa Mun harbour played a large part in the rapid pursuit of the pirates by men on board the Chinese Customs boat the Yeung Shing. This boat was anchored in Sa Mun Harbour when the watchman signalled that the s.s. Tean was behaving in a suspicious manner and was making for Bias Bay. The Yeung Shing immediately set out to intercept the Tean and after following behind for some distance overhauled her.

Rifle shots were then fired into the air by the Customs men but the Tean did not stop. Exactly how events happened at this stage is not very clear but it would appear that at about the same time the pirates noticed H.M.S. Somme.

With the cruiser on the one hand and the customs launch on the other they apparently realised that their only course was to get to the shore as quickly as possible so they lowered two lifeboats, while some guarded the officers. Into the boats the pirates placed the seven Chinese passengers, the two European officers two suitcases of valuables and rowed for the nearest part of the shore. Immediately the pirates left the remaining officers turned their attention to their ship and safely brought her to a stop.

## Naval Men Follow.

Seeing the intentions of the pirates, two landing parties were immediately sent off from the customs launch, one under the command of the captain, Mr. W. H. Poole and the other in charge of the Second Officer, Mr. P. F. Shaw. A landing party was also despatched from H.M.S. Somme but reports available late last night seem to indicate that the customs men were the first in pursuit.

The pirates succeeded in reaching the shore ahead of their pursuers but the spot where they landed which is between Lok Sut and Bluff Point is of a very rocky nature and as a fairly heavy sea was running at the time one of the lifeboats was staved in on the rocks. The occupants got ashore, however, although one suitcase containing, it is believed, some \$3,000 belonging to the commodore, was left in the boat and was subsequently recovered. The second boat did not come to grief and was left while the pirates hurried inland driving their captives before them.

## Tragedy on Land.

The landing party from the customs launch arrived soon afterwards and continued to chase the fugitives for a distance of some-

## GARAGE THEFTS.

## SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

Charged with breaking into a garage at 71, Spring Garden Lane, two Chinese at the Central Police Court yesterday pleaded that they were innocent of any felonious intent.

The first man, when asked to plead, said he had been accused of stealing.

The Court: Yes, but what do you say to that?

Defendant: I leave it to you to say what I was doing.

Later, defendant said he went into the garage to sleep, but was unable to explain how it was that he was found crouching behind a car.

The other defendant told the Court he went in to fetch a friend out to tea. He was unable to produce this friend.

The prosecuting Police Officer stated there had been a number of thefts from the garage, small parts and tools amounting to \$30 in value having disappeared.

The Magistrate (Major C. Willson) sentenced each man to six months' hard labour.

things like four miles inland. The pirates were extremely reluctant to let their hostages go and continued to urge them until at last, seeing that they were handicapping themselves in this way they left the passengers and officers to their own devices and made their escape as best they could.

The customs men succeeded in getting very close to their quarry but although they fired a number of shots none took effect. One of the passengers, it is understood, was pushed over a cliff and fell from a height of 300 feet being immediately killed, because he could not get along fast enough. Another version is that the man accidentally fell over the cliff.

Eventually the customs party came up with the released captives while the pirates succeeded in making good their escape.

## THE TEAN'S OFFICERS.

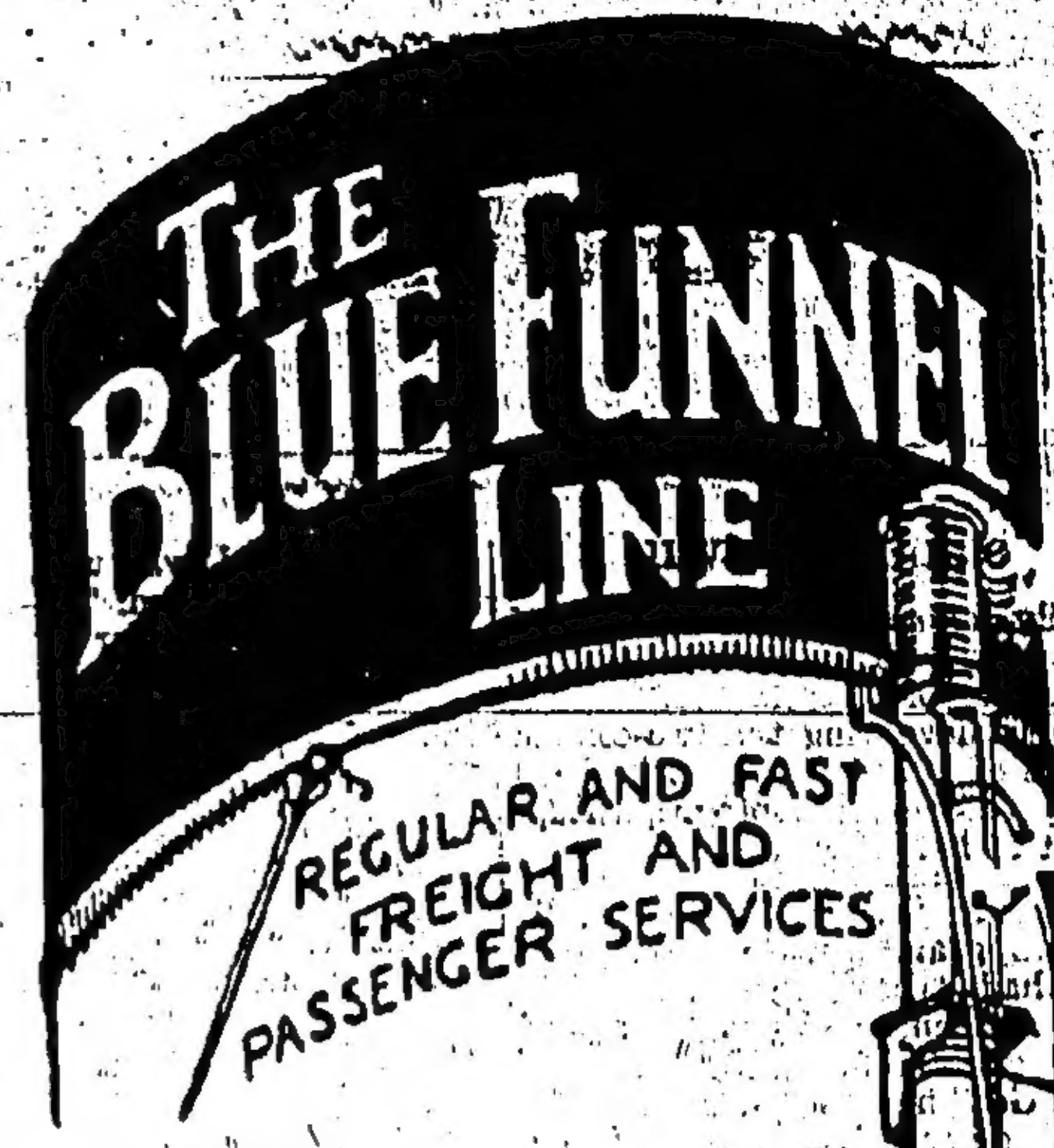
## Europeans on Board the Pirated Vessel.

The s.s. Tean arrived in Hongkong about 7.30 last night and berthed at Ho's Wharf. She is owned by the China Navigation Co. Ltd. and is a twin screw steamer of 2,202 gross tons, built in 1904 by Scott and Co. of Greenock. She was owned by the Greenock Foundry to 169 N.H.P. and is registered in London.

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Chief Officer—A. H. Mills.  
Second Officer—J. C. Forster.  
Chief Engineer—J. Roberts.  
Second Engineer—D. S. Goldie.  
Third Engineer—J. J. Thompson.

This is the second piracy perpetrated by the Bias Bay gang since the sinking of the s.s. Irene last October. The last piracy was that of the Hsin Wah, the China Merchant vessel which was attacked on April 16 this year. The last British steamer to fall into pirate hands and be taken to Bias Bay was the s.s. Yaching which was captured at the end of August last year.



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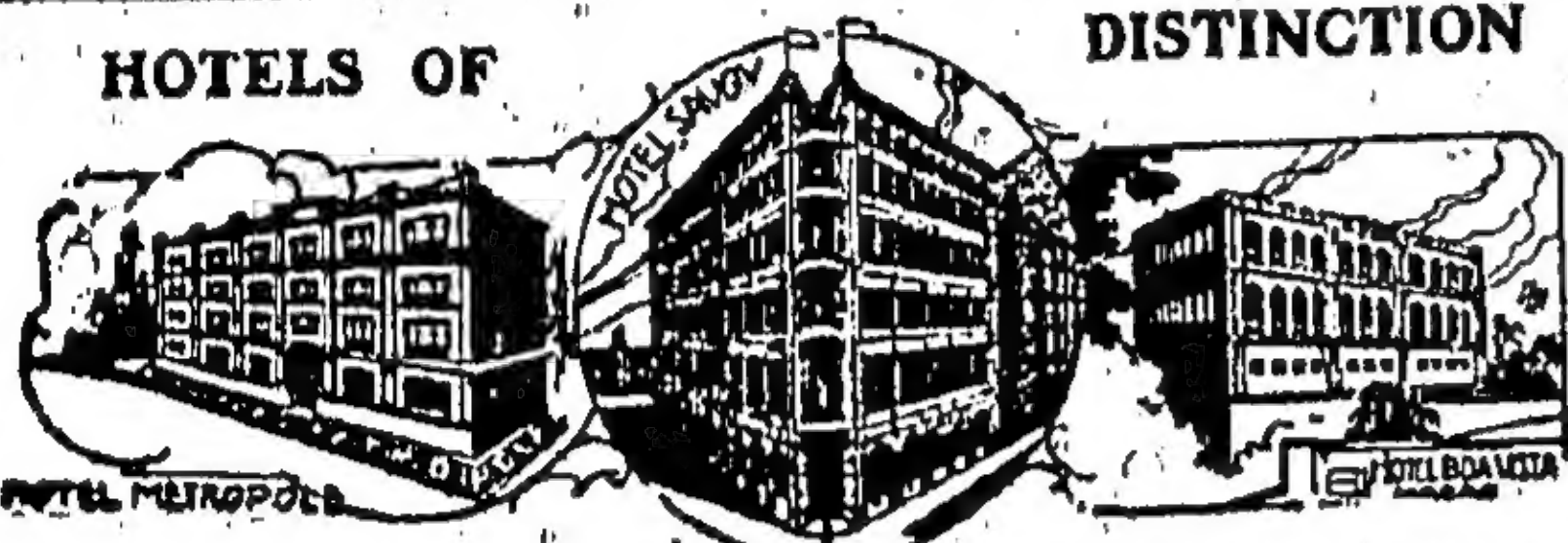
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## PIRATE CHASE UNSUCCESSFUL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Knowing the desperate character of these pirates, for he had once before this been pirated, Mr. Drummond conceived the idea of staying near a porthole so as to leap overboard with his wife in the event of the pirates carrying out their threat. It did not, however, materialise, when a vessel, stated to be either H.M.S. Somme or the Chinese coast-guard cruiser, appeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Drummond and the other passengers had by this time concealed themselves from the pirates' sight, fearing that the pirates would shoot them, as they threatened to do. However, the danger passed when the pirates got into the two life-boats. Mr. Drummond, with the other passengers who were not forced to accompany the pirates ashore, were naturally greatly relieved at this turn in events.

As stated above, this was Mr. Drummond's second experience of the China Coast pirates. He had once previously, as far back as ten years ago, been shot at and robbed by pirates on the North River.

When seen by the Telegraph representative, Mr. Drummond was returning to the Tean to take stock of the remainder of his possessions, which he had left in the baggage room of the vessel. He feared that there would be very little left of any great value, seeing that the pirates had gone through all his luggage.

Mr. Melrose had pretty much the same experience as Mr. and Mrs. Drummond.

## Noted Chinese Passengers.

Two of the first-class Chinese passengers are noted personalities in current Chinese politics and both are known to Mr. Drummond.

The first of these officials is General Tsai Ting-kai, Commander of the Cantonese division which, according to a Peking correspondent, has been lately engaged in putting down Communism on Hainan Island. This division eventually will be merged into the Army of General Chan Ming-shui whose arrival in Hongkong from Canton last night is announced.

General Tsai Ting-kai, therefore, has had a great deal to do with the campaign which is still being intensively pursued on Hainan Island against the "Reds." He is a bitter enemy of the radicals, and it appears that for him the pirates searched high and low at the outset of the piracy.

Elsewhere in our report of the piracy we have related that he was not in his cabin when the pirates entered it. They had, however, known that he was on board the steamer with Mr. Foo Ping-kwan and they were sustained in this conviction by the sight of General Tsai's insignia hanging with his coat in the cabin.

## General's Escape.

They asked a Chinese whom they took to be a room-boy standing near them in the passage where his master was. With a great show of alacrity the servant went to enquire, but somehow the pirates lost sight of him on deck. The next moment he popped into the coal bunkers where he remained for the next twenty-four hours. Safe, but very nearly asphyxiated by the fumes from the coal, he at length came on deck when the pirates left the ship at Bias Bay.

It then transpired that the "servant" was none other than the General himself. He is devoutly grateful for his deliverance and related with much gusto the strategem which undoubtedly saved his life to friends whom he met in Hongkong this morning.

Of the other passenger, it is related that he also had a wonderful escape. Mr. Foo Ping-kwan is the Chinese Superintendent of

Customs at Hoihow and a brother of Mr. Foo Ping-kwan was on board and had searched for him with the same zeal as for the other Chinese official. When they eventually found him, they took great care of him to the extent of taking him ashore with them when they landed at Bias Bay. But through the force of circumstances, represented by the presence of the pursuit party from the warship, they were forced to give him up with the other captives. Mr. Foo told friends this morning that the pirates had expected to realise a handsome ransom in his case.

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Last night, General Chan Ming-shui came down with Admiral Chun Chak from Canton, his plan being to meet his subordinate, General Tsai Ting-kai, and the Customs Superintendent in Hongkong before the whole party proceeded to Hoihow to resume charge of the district to which General Chen Ming-shui has been appointed by General Li Chai-sun as military administrator.

## H.M.S. SOMME'S ACTION.

## Chase Forces Pirates To Free Hostages.

H.M.S. Somme, the destroyer which landed a party of blue-jackets when the pirates escaped inland returned to Hongkong this morning about 10.30 a.m. The official Naval report, as sent out by wireless from H.M.S. Somme is as follows:

The British steamer s.s. Tean, owned by the China Navigation S.S. Company was forced into Bias Bay at 11 a.m. on May 28 by pirates. On sighting H.M.S. Somme, the Tean was anchored off Bold Bluff, the pirates landing in two cutters and taking with them two British deck officers, a boat crew and seven Chinese passengers ashore as hostages. The cutters were afterwards scuttled.

The Chinese Customs armed launch Yeungshing arrived at 11.45 a.m. and landed an armed party. An armed search party from H.M.S. Somme was also landed in support. The Customs party opened fire without result, but the pirates were forced to abandon their hostages in order to make good their hills.

The officers, boat crew and passengers, including the body of a passenger killed ashore, were recovered, and also a small quantity of loot. The landing party was then withdrawn.

## Pirates Arrive First.

It is now definitely established that the Tean arrived near Bias Bay before either the Yeungshing or H.M.S. Somme. The destroyer was out on exercises and apparently sighted the Tean when some distance away and sailed up to her. It also clear that the pirates made a very hasty departure from the ship. Comparatively little loot was taken in their hurry to get ashore before the warship or Customs launch came so close as to hinder their escape. The Yeungshing was not far behind, as the pirates were fired at the retreating pirates by the landing party.

None of the shots took effect. The pirates, with a fairly good start were able to make better progress than their pursuers over rugged country which was undoubtedly well known to them.

The hilly nature of this part of the coast facilitates escape as it is possible to travel under the cover of cliffs and boulders with-

out being seen by a pursuing party.

The landing parties went to the assistance of the abandoned hostages, returned them to the Tean and then withdrew to their respective ships.

## HIDDEN MONEY.

## Did Pirates Intend Using Gas?

The piracy was relieved by a somewhat humorous incident by the doings of a number of Chinese passengers. Pressed for a means to hide their money, which for a number of them represented their entire fortune, they were constrained to drop the dollars through the chinks in the hatch-cover.

Later, as the Tean was released from the hands of the pirates on arrival at Bias Bay, the strange spectacle was seen of a row of men sitting gravely along the entire length of the hatch-cover. Each of them claimed to have dropped his quota of silver dollars into the hold, and with a view to staking out a claim, each was sitting over the approximate spot over the hold into which he thought his money had been dropped.

Needless to say there was much clamour on these various claims being investigated by the officers. The few dollars that were subsequently recovered from the hold were found to be strangely discoloured as if from the action of some acid. And thereby hangs another story.

It is related that during the piracy and for several hours after the pirates had left the vessel, a powerful odour arose from the hold. The cause of this foul atmosphere has still to be investigated, but the effects it left behind were most marked. The whole woodwork of the hold and, in point of fact, everything in the hold is discoloured as if from the action of some powerful matter which is assumed to have been some fume or gas. One suggestion is that the gas, if such it was, was taken on board by the pirates for the purpose of smoking out passengers who might take it into their heads to conceal themselves in the hold.

## Officers Powerless.

Mr. J. J. Thompson, the third engineer, stated to a Telegraph reporter that after H.M.S. Somme had come up alongside the Tean the question was addressed by a naval officer in charge of the landing party as to why those on the pirated vessel had not been signalled to the warship in the first instance, when the pirates were still on board.

Mr. Thompson pointed out to the reporter that the officers were powerless to act, with the pirates maintaining an alert watch over them and noting every detail of their actions and movements. The pirates even proceeded further than this. When they took Mr. Mills and Mr. Forster ashore with them in the boats, it was their intention to hold them as hostages. The landing parties from the Customs launch and the British warship were thus prevented from firing on the pirates after they landed.

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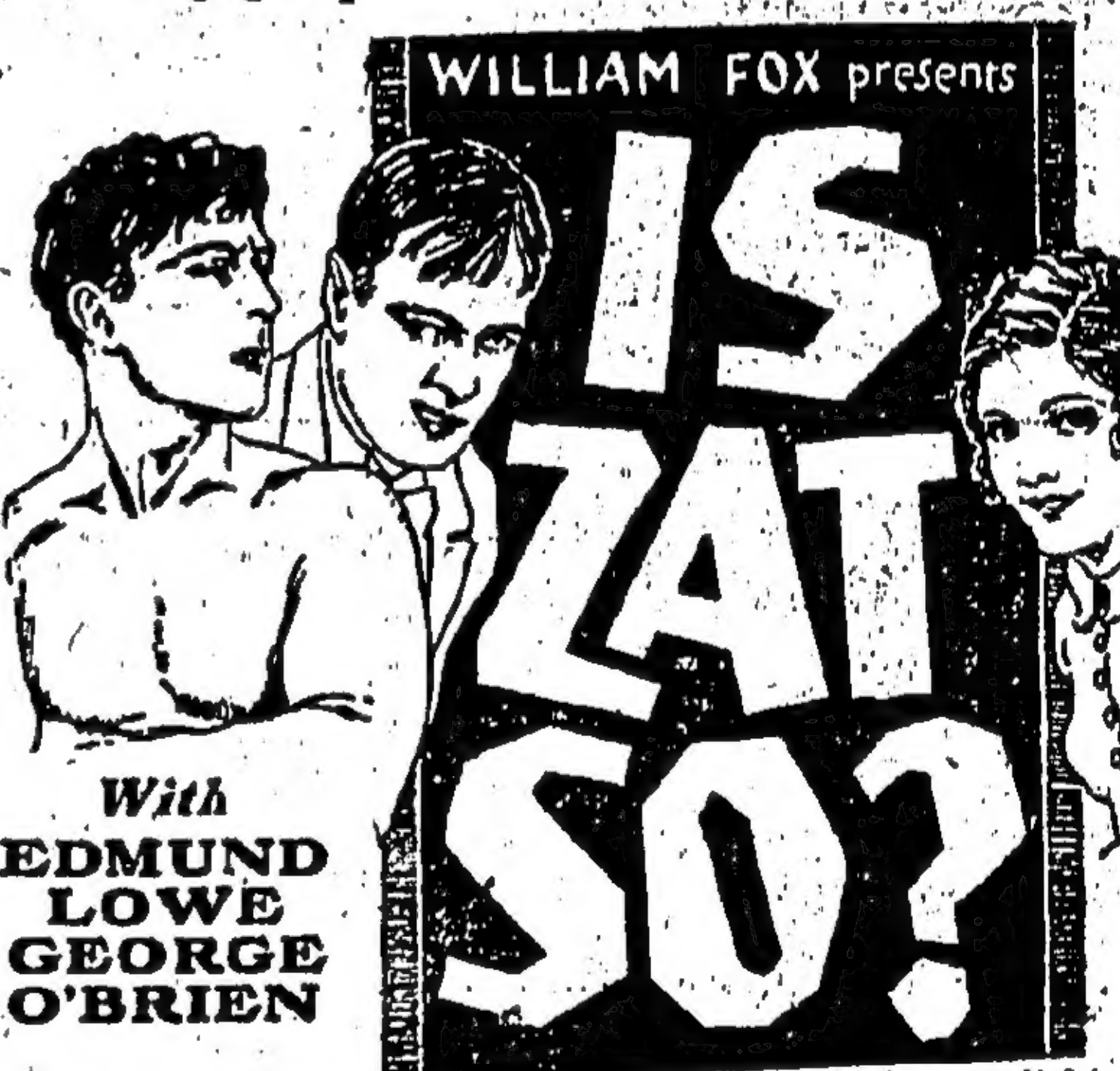
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